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(57) Abrégé

La présente invention concerne de nouveaux gènes provenant de *S. aureus* et les polypeptides qu'ils codent. On décrit également des vecteurs, des cellules hôtes, des anticorps et des procédés de recombinaison utilisés pour produire ces derniers; ainsi que des procédés de criblage permettant d'identifier des agonistes et des antagonistes de l'activité du polypeptide *S. aureus*. L'invention concerne en outre des procédés de diagnostic utiles pour détecter des acides nucléiques, des polypeptides et des anticorps de *Staphylococcus* dans un échantillon biologique, ainsi que de nouveaux vaccins permettant de prévenir ou d'atténuer l'infection par le *Staphylococcus*.

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Staphylococcus aureus genes and polypeptides.**Field of the Invention**

The present invention relates to novel *Staphylococcus aureus* genes (*S. aureus*) nucleic acids and polypeptides. Also provided are vectors, host cells and recombinant methods for producing the same. Further provided are diagnostic methods for detecting *S. aureus* using probes, primers, and antibodies to the *S. aureus* nucleic acids and polypeptides of the present invention. The invention further relates to screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of *S. aureus* polypeptide activity and to vaccines using *S. aureus* nucleic acids and polypeptides.

Background of the Invention

The genus *Staphylococcus* includes at least 20 distinct species. (For a review see Novick, R. P., *The Staphylococcus as a Molecular Genetic System in MOLECULAR BIOLOGY OF THE STAPHYLOCOCCI*, 1-37 (R. Novick, Ed., VCH Publishers, New York (1990)). Species differ from one another by 80% or more, by hybridization kinetics, whereas strains within a species are at least 90% identical by the same measure.

The species *S. aureus*, a gram-positive, facultatively aerobic, clump-forming cocci, is among the most important etiological agents of bacterial infection in humans, as discussed briefly below.

Human Health and S. aureus

Staphylococcus aureus is a ubiquitous pathogen. See, e.g., Mims et al., *MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY* (Mosby-Year Book Europe Limited, London, UK 1993). It is an etiological agent of a variety of conditions, ranging in severity from mild to fatal. A few of the more common conditions caused by *S. aureus* infection are burns, cellulitis, eyelid infections, food poisoning, joint infections, neonatal conjunctivitis, osteomyelitis, skin infections, surgical wound infection, scalded skin syndrome and toxic shock syndrome, some of which are described further below.

Burns: Burn wounds generally are sterile initially. However, they generally compromise physical and immune barriers to infection, cause loss of fluid and electrolytes and result in local or general physiological dysfunction. After cooling, contact with viable bacteria results in mixed colonization at the injury site. Infection may be restricted to the non-viable debris on the burn surface ("eschar"), it may progress into full skin infection and invade viable tissue below the eschar and it may reach below the skin, enter the lymphatic and blood circulation and develop into septicemia. *S. aureus* is among the most important pathogens typically found in burn wound infections. It can destroy granulation tissue and produce severe

septicemia.

Cellulitis: Cellulitis, an acute infection of the skin that expands from a typically superficial origin to spread below the cutaneous layer, most commonly is caused by *S. aureus* in conjunction with *S. pyrogenes*. Cellulitis can lead to systemic infection. In fact, cellulitis can be one aspect of synergistic bacterial gangrene. This condition typically is caused by a mixture of *S. aureus* and microaerophilic *Streptococci*. It causes necrosis and treatment is limited to excision of the necrotic tissue. The condition often is fatal.

Eyelid infections: *S. aureus* is the cause of styes and of "sticky eye" in neonates, among other eye infections. Typically such infections are limited to the surface of the eye, and may occasionally penetrate the surface with more severe consequences.

Food poisoning: Some strains of *S. aureus* produce one or more of five serologically distinct, heat and acid stable enterotoxins that are not destroyed by digestive process of the stomach and small intestine (enterotoxins A-E). Ingestion of the toxin, in sufficient quantities, typically results in severe vomiting, but not diarrhea. The effect does not require viable bacteria. Although the toxins are known, their mechanism of action is not understood.

Joint infections: *S. aureus* infects bone joints causing diseases such osteomyelitis. See, e.g., R. Cunningham et al., (1996) J. Med. Microbiol. 44:157-164.

Osteomyelitis: *S. aureus* is the most common causative agent of haematogenous osteomyelitis. The disease tends to occur in children and adolescents more than adults and it is associated with non-penetrating injuries to bones. Infection typically occurs in the long end of growing bone, hence its occurrence in physically immature populations. Most often, infection is localized in the vicinity of sprouting capillary loops adjacent to epiphysis growth plates in the end of long, growing bones.

Skin infections: *S. aureus* is the most common pathogen of such minor skin infections as abscesses and boils. Such infections often are resolved by normal host response mechanisms, but they also can develop into severe internal infections. Recurrent infections of the nasal passages plague nasal carriers of *S. aureus*.

Surgical Wound Infections: Surgical wounds often penetrate far into the body. Infection of such wound thus poses a grave risk to the patient. *S. aureus* is the most important causative agent of infections in surgical wounds. *S. aureus* is unusually adept at invading surgical wounds; sutured wounds can be infected by far fewer *S. aureus* cells than are necessary to cause infection in normal skin. Invasion of surgical wound can lead to severe *S. aureus* septicemia. Invasion of the blood stream by *S. aureus* can lead to seeding and infection of internal organs, particularly heart valves and bone, causing systemic diseases, such as endocarditis and osteomyelitis.

Scalded Skin Syndrome: *S. aureus* is responsible for "scalded skin syndrome" (also called toxic epidermal necrosis, Ritter's disease and Lyell's disease). This disease occurs in older children, typically in outbreaks caused by flowering of *S. aureus* strains produce exfoliation (also called scalded skin syndrome toxin). Although the bacteria initially may infect

only a minor lesion, the toxin destroys intercellular connections, spreads epidermal layers and allows the infection to penetrate the outer layer of the skin, producing the desquamation that typifies the diseases. Shedding of the outer layer of skin generally reveals normal skin below, but fluid lost in the process can produce severe injury in young children if it is not treated properly.

Toxic Shock Syndrome: Toxic shock syndrome is caused by strains of *S. aureus* that produce the so-called toxic shock syndrome toxin. The disease can be caused by *S. aureus* infection at any site, but it is too often erroneously viewed exclusively as a disease solely of women who use tampons. The disease involves toxemia and septicemia, and can be fatal.

Nocosomal Infections: In the 1984 National Nosocomial Infection Surveillance Study ("NNIS") *S. aureus* was the most prevalent agent of surgical wound infections in many hospital services, including medicine, surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics and newborns.

Other Infections: Other types of infections, risk factors, etc. involving *S. aureus* are discussed in: A. Trilla (1995) J. Chemotherapy 3:37-43; F. Espersen (1995) J. Chemotherapy 3:11-17; D.E. Craven (1995) J. Chemotherapy 3:19-28; J.D. Breen et al. (1995) Infect. Dis. Clin. North Am. 9(1):11-24 (each incorporated herein in their entireties).

Resistance to drugs of S. aureus strains

Prior to the introduction of penicillin the prognosis for patients seriously infected with *S. aureus* was unfavorable. Following the introduction of penicillin in the early 1940s even the worst *S. aureus* infections generally could be treated successfully. The emergence of penicillin-resistant strains of *S. aureus* did not take long, however. Most strains of *S. aureus* encountered in hospital infections today do not respond to penicillin; although, fortunately, this is not the case for *S. aureus* encountered in community infections.

It is well known now that penicillin-resistant strains of *S. aureus* produce a lactamase which converts penicillin to penicilloic acid, and thereby destroys antibiotic activity. Furthermore, the lactamase gene often is propagated episomally, typically on a plasmid, and often is only one of several genes on an episomal element that, together, confer multidrug resistance.

Methicillins, introduced in the 1960s, largely overcame the problem of penicillin resistance in *S. aureus*. These compounds conserve the portions of penicillin responsible for antibiotic activity and modify or alter other portions that make penicillin a good substrate for inactivating lactamases. However, methicillin resistance has emerged in *S. aureus*, along with resistance to many other antibiotics effective against this organism, including aminoglycosides, tetracycline, chloramphenicol, macrolides and lincosamides. In fact, methicillin-resistant strains of *S. aureus* generally are multiply drug resistant.

Methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) has become one of the most important nosocomial pathogens worldwide and poses serious infection control problems. Today, many strains are multiresistant against virtually all antibiotics with the exception of vancomycin-type

glycopeptide antibiotics.

Recent reports that transfer of vancomycin resistance genes from enterococci to *S. aureus* has been observed in the laboratory sustain the fear that MRSA might become resistant against vancomycin, too, a situation generally considered to result in a public health disaster.

MRSA owe their resistance against virtually all β -lactam antibiotics to the expression of an extra penicillin binding protein (PBP) 2a, encoded by the *mecA* gene. This additional very low affinity pbp, which is found exclusively in resistant strains, appears to be the only pbp still functioning in cell wall peptidoglycan synthesis at β -lactam concentrations high enough to saturate the normal set of *S. aureus* pbp 1-4. In 1983 it was shown by insertion mutagenesis using transposon Tn551 that several additional genes independent of *mecA* are needed to sustain the high level of methicillin resistance of MRSA. Interruption of these genes did not influence the resistance level by interfering with PBP2a expression, and were therefore called *fem* (factor essential for expression of methicillin resistance) or *aux* (auxiliary genes).

In the meantime six *fem* genes (*femA*- through F) have been described and the minimal number of additional *aux* genes has been estimated to be more than 10. Interference with *femA* and *femB* results in a strong reduction of methicillin resistance, back to sensitivity of strains without PBP2a. The *fem* genes are involved in specific steps of cell wall synthesis.

Consequently, inactivation of *fem* encoded factors induce β -lactam hypersensitivity in already sensitive strains. Both *femA* and *femB* have been shown to be involved in peptidoglycan pentaglycine interpeptide bridge formation. FemA is responsible for the formation of glycines 2 and 3, and FemB is responsible for formation of glycines 4 and 5. *S. aureus* may be involved in the formation of a monoglycine mucopeptide precursors. FemC-F influence amidation of the iso-D-glutamic acid residue of the peptidoglycan stem peptide, formation of a minor mucopeptide with L-alanine instead of glycine at position 1 of the interpeptide bridge, perform a yet unknown function, or are involved in an early step of peptidoglycan precursors biosynthesis (addition of L-lysine), respectively.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides isolated *S. aureus* polynucleotides and polypeptides shown in Table 1 and SEQ ID NO:1 through SEQ ID NO:61. One aspect of the invention provides isolated nucleic acid molecules comprising or alternatively consisting of polynucleotides having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of: (a) a nucleotide sequence shown in Table 1; (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding any of the amino acid sequences of the polypeptides shown in Table 1; and (c) a nucleotide sequence complementary to any of the nucleotide sequences in (a) or (b). The invention further provides for fragments of the nucleic acid molecules of (a), (b) & (c) above.

Further embodiments of the invention include isolated nucleic acid molecules that comprise, or alternatively consist of, a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least

90% identical, and more preferably at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical, to any of the nucleotide sequences in (a), (b) or (c) above, or a polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent hybridization conditions to a polynucleotide in (a), (b) or (c) above. Additional nucleic acid embodiments of the invention relate to isolated nucleic acid molecules comprising polynucleotides which encode the amino acid sequences of epitope-bearing portions of a *S. aureus* polypeptide having an amino acid sequence in (a) above.

The present invention also relates to recombinant vectors, which include the isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention, and to host cells containing the recombinant vectors, as well as to methods of making such vectors and host cells. The present invention further relates to the use of these vectors in the production of *S. aureus* polypeptides or peptides by recombinant techniques.

The invention further provides isolated *S. aureus* polypeptides having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of an amino acid sequence of any of the polypeptides described in Table 1 or fragments thereof.

The polypeptides of the present invention also include polypeptides having an amino acid sequence with at least 70% similarity, and more preferably at least 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% similarity to those described in Table 1, as well as polypeptides having an amino acid sequence at least 70% identical, more preferably at least 75% identical, and still more preferably 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical to those above; as well as isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding such polypeptides.

The present invention further provides a vaccine, preferably a multi-component vaccine comprising one or more of the *S. aureus* polynucleotides or polypeptides described in Table 1, or fragments thereof, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, carrier, or excipient, wherein the *S. aureus* polypeptide(s) are present in an amount effective to elicit an immune response to members of the *Staphylococcus* genus, or at least *S. aureus*, in an animal. The *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention may further be combined with one or more immunogens of one or more other staphylococcal or non-staphylococcal organisms to produce a multi-component vaccine intended to elicit an immunological response against members of the *Staphylococcus* genus and, optionally, one or more non-staphylococcal organisms.

The vaccines of the present invention can be administered in a DNA form, e.g., "naked" DNA, wherein the DNA encodes one or more staphylococcal polypeptides and, optionally, one or more polypeptides of a non-staphylococcal organism. The DNA encoding one or more polypeptides may be constructed such that these polypeptides are expressed as fusion proteins.

The vaccines of the present invention may also be administered as a component of a genetically engineered organism or host cell. Thus, a genetically engineered organism or host cell which expresses one or more *S. aureus* polypeptides may be administered to an animal. For example, such a genetically engineered organism or host cell may contain one or more *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention intracellularly, on its cell surface, or in its

periplasmic space. Further, such a genetically engineered organism or host cell may secrete one or more *S. aureus* polypeptides. The vaccines of the present invention may also be co-administered to an animal with an immune system modulator (*e.g.*, CD86 and GM-CSF).

The invention also provides a method of inducing an immunological response in an animal to one or more members of the *Staphylococcus* genus, preferably one or more isolates of the *S. aureus* species, comprising administering to the animal a vaccine as described above.

The invention further provides a method of inducing a protective immune response in an animal, sufficient to prevent, attenuate, or control an infection by members of the *Staphylococcus* genus, preferably at least *S. aureus* species, comprising administering to the animal a composition comprising one or more of the polynucleotides or polypeptides described in Table 1, or fragments thereof. Further, these polypeptides, or fragments thereof, may be conjugated to another immunogen and/or administered in admixture with an adjuvant.

The invention further relates to antibodies elicited in an animal by the administration of one or more *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention and to methods for producing such antibodies and fragments thereof. The invention further relates to recombinant antibodies and fragments thereof and to methods for producing such antibodies and fragments thereof.

The invention also provides diagnostic methods for detecting the expression of the polynucleotides and polypeptides of Table 1 by members of the *Staphylococcus* genus in a biological or environmental sample. One such method involves assaying for the expression of a polynucleotide encoding *S. aureus* polypeptides in a sample from an animal. This expression may be assayed either directly (*e.g.*, by assaying polypeptide levels using antibodies elicited in response to amino acid sequences described in Table 1) or indirectly (*e.g.*, by assaying for antibodies having specificity for amino acid sequences described in Table 1). The expression of polynucleotides can also be assayed by detecting the nucleic acids of Table 1. An example of such a method involves the use of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) to amplify and detect *Staphylococcus* nucleic acid sequences.

The present invention also relates to nucleic acid probes having all or part of a nucleotide sequence described in Table 1 which are capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to *Staphylococcus* nucleic acids. The invention further relates to a method of detecting one or more *Staphylococcus* nucleic acids in a biological sample obtained from an animal, said one or more nucleic acids encoding *Staphylococcus* polypeptides, comprising: (a) contacting the sample with one or more of the above-described nucleic acid probes, under conditions such that hybridization occurs, and (b) detecting hybridization of said one or more probes to the *Staphylococcus* nucleic acid present in the biological sample.

Detailed Description

The present invention relates to recombinant antigenic *S. aureus* polypeptides and fragments thereof. The invention also relates to methods for using these polypeptides to produce immunological responses and to confer immunological protection to disease caused by

members of the genus *Staphylococcus*. The invention further relates to nucleic acid sequences which encode antigenic *S. aureus* polypeptides and to methods for detecting *Staphylococcus* nucleic acids and polypeptides in biological samples. The invention also relates to *Staphylococcus* specific antibodies and methods for detecting such antibodies produced in a host animal.

Definitions

The following definitions are provided to clarify the subject matter which the inventors consider to be the present invention.

As used herein, the phrase "pathogenic agent" means an agent which causes a disease state or affliction in an animal. Included within this definition, for examples, are bacteria, protozoans, fungi, viruses and metazoan parasites which either produce a disease state or render an animal infected with such an organism susceptible to a disease state (e.g., a secondary infection). Further included are species and strains of the genus *Staphylococcus* which produce disease states in animals.

As used herein, the term "organism" means any living biological system, including viruses, regardless of whether it is a pathogenic agent.

As used herein, the term "*Staphylococcus*" means any species or strain of bacteria which is members of the genus *Staphylococcus* regardless of whether they are known pathogenic agents.

As used herein, the phrase "one or more *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention" means the amino acid sequence of one or more of the *S. aureus* polypeptides disclosed in Table 1. These polypeptides may be expressed as fusion proteins wherein the *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention are linked to additional amino acid sequences which may be of Staphylococcal or non-Staphylococcal origin. This phrase further includes fragments of the *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention.

As used herein, the phrase "full-length amino acid sequence" and "full-length polypeptide" refer to an amino acid sequence or polypeptide encoded by a full-length open reading frame (ORF). For purposes of the present invention, polynucleotide ORFs in Table 1 are defined by the corresponding polypeptide sequences of Table 1 encoded by said polynucleotide. Therefore, a polynucleotide ORF is defined at the 5' end by the first base coding for the initiation codon of the corresponding polypeptide sequence of Table 1 and is defined at the 3' end by the last base of the last codon of said polypeptide sequence. As discussed below for polynucleotide fragments, the ORFs of the present invention may be claimed by a 5' and 3' position of a polynucleotide sequence of the present invention wherein the first base of said sequence is position 1.

As used herein, the phrase "truncated amino acid sequence" and "truncated polypeptide" refer to a sub-sequence of a full-length amino acid sequence or polypeptide. Several criteria may also be used to define the truncated amino acid sequence or polypeptide.

For example, a truncated polypeptide may be defined as a mature polypeptide (e.g., a polypeptide which lacks a leader sequence). A truncated polypeptide may also be defined as an amino acid sequence which is a portion of a longer sequence that has been selected for ease of expression in a heterologous system but retains regions which render the polypeptide useful for use in vaccines (e.g., antigenic regions which are expected to elicit a protective immune response).

Additional definitions are provided throughout the specification.

Explanation of Table 1

Table 1 lists the full length *S. aureus* polynucleotide and polypeptide sequences of the present invention. Each polynucleotide and polypeptide sequence is preceded by a gene identifier. Each polynucleotide sequence is followed by at least one polypeptide sequence encoded by said polynucleotide. For some of the sequences of Table 1, a known biological activity and the name of the homolog with similar activity is listed after the gene sequence identifier.

Explanation of Table 2

Table 2 lists accession numbers for the closest matching sequences between the polypeptides of the present invention and those available through GenBank and GeneSeq databases. These reference numbers are the database entry numbers commonly used by those of skill in the art, who will be familiar with their denominations. The descriptions of the nomenclature for GenBank are available from the National Center for Biotechnology Information. Column 1 lists the polynucleotide sequence of the present invention. Column 2 lists the accession number of a "match" gene sequence in GenBank or GeneSeq databases. Column 3 lists the description of the "match" gene sequence. Columns 4 and 5 are the high score and smallest sum probability, respectively, calculated by BLAST. Polypeptides of the present invention that do not share significant identity/similarity with any polypeptide sequences of GenBank and GeneSeq are not represented in Table 2. Polypeptides of the present invention that share significant identity/similarity with more than one of the polypeptides of GenBank and GeneSeq may be represented more than once.

Explanation of Table 3.

The *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention may include one or more conservative amino acid substitutions from natural mutations or human manipulation as indicated in Table 3. Changes are preferably of a minor nature, such as conservative amino acid substitutions that do not significantly affect the folding or activity of the protein. Residues from the following groups, as indicated in Table 3, may be substituted for one another: Aromatic, Hydrophobic, Polar, Basic, Acidic, and Small,

Explanation of Table 4

Table 4 lists residues comprising antigenic epitopes of antigenic epitope-bearing fragments present in each of the full length *S. aureus* polypeptides described in Table 1 as predicted by the inventors using the algorithm of Jameson and Wolf, (1988) Comp. Appl. Biosci. 4:181-186. The Jameson-Wolf antigenic analysis was performed using the computer program PROTEAN (Version 3.11 for the Power MacIntosh, DNASTAR, Inc., 1228 South Park Street Madison, WI). *S. aureus* polypeptides shown in Table 1 may possess one or more antigenic epitopes comprising residues described in Table 4. It will be appreciated that depending on the analytical criteria used to predict antigenic determinants, the exact address of the determinant may vary slightly. The residues and locations shown described in Table 4 correspond to the amino acid sequences for each full length polypeptide sequence shown in Table 1 and in the Sequence Listing. Polypeptides of the present invention that do not have antigenic epitopes recognized by the Jameson-Wolf algorithm are not represented in Table 2.

Nucleic Acid Molecules

Sequenced *S. aureus* genomic DNA was obtained from the *S. aureus* strain ISP3. *S. aureus* strain ISP3, has been deposited at the American Type Culture Collection, as a convenience to those of skill in the art. The *S. aureus* strain ISP3 was deposited on 7 April 1998 at the ATCC, 10801 University Blvd. Manassas, VA 20110-2209, and given accession number 202108. As discussed elsewhere herein, polynucleotides of the present invention readily may be obtained by routine application of well known and standard procedures for cloning and sequencing DNA. A wide variety of *S. aureus* strains can be used to prepare *S. aureus* genomic DNA for cloning and for obtaining polynucleotides and polypeptides of the present invention. A wide variety of *S. aureus* strains are available to the public from recognized depository institutions, such as the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). It is recognized that minor variations in the nucleic acid and amino acid sequence may be expected from *S. aureus* strain to strain. The present invention provides for genes, including both polynucleotides and polypeptides, of the present invention from all the *S. aureus* strains.

Unless otherwise indicated, all nucleotide sequences determined by sequencing a DNA molecule herein were determined using an automated DNA sequencer (such as the Model 373 from Applied Biosystems, Inc., Foster City, CA), and all amino acid sequences of polypeptides encoded by DNA molecules determined herein were predicted by translation of a DNA sequence determined as above. Therefore, as is known in the art for any DNA sequence determined by this automated approach, any nucleotide sequence determined herein may contain some errors. Nucleotide sequences determined by automation are typically at least about 90% identical, more typically at least about 95% to at least about 99.9% identical to the actual nucleotide sequence of the sequenced DNA molecule. The actual sequence can be more precisely determined by other approaches including manual DNA sequencing methods well known in the art. By "nucleotide sequence" of a nucleic acid molecule or polynucleotide is

intended to mean either a DNA or RNA sequence. Using the information provided herein, such as the nucleotide sequence in Table 1, a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention encoding a *S. aureus* polypeptide may be obtained using standard cloning and screening procedures, such as those for cloning DNAs using genomic DNA as starting material. See, e.g., Sambrook et al. MOLECULAR CLONING: A LABORATORY MANUAL (Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. 2nd ed. 1989); Ausubel et al., CURRENT PROTOCOLS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (John Wiley and Sons, N.Y. 1989). Illustrative of the invention, the nucleic acid molecule described in Table 1 was discovered in a DNA library derived from a *S. aureus* ISP3 genomic DNA.

TABLE 1. Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequences of *S. aureus* Genes.

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>HGS001, fabH, 3-oxoacyl-acyl-carrier protein synthase
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>HGS019, mapM, methionine aminopeptidase

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>HGS019, MapM, methionine aminopeptidase

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>HGS022-23-24, adt, glutamyl-tRNA amidotransferase subunit a, b, and c (operon comprising three ORFs listed below)

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>HGS022, Adt, glutamyl-tRNA amidotransferase subunit a

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>HGS024, Adt, glutamyl-tRNA amidotransferase subunit c

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>HGS025, Pth, peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase

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>HGS030, Tmk, thymidylate kinase

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>HGS030, tmk, thymidylate kinase

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AATGTTTCTATAGCTGACTTTATCACCATTACTAATATTAGTTTATTTACTGTTTTCGCTAACCAATTTATTAAGGCAAAATCAATTTTAA
CAGTTTTCATTTATTTGTATACATATCGTATGATTATTACGCTTTGTTGCTATTTTGTATGATTGATATTTATACGGTTAAGGAA
GTCTTCGATCTACAGTTAAATATGCAATTTGTAGTCATTTATTTCTATTTAGGGATGATCATCTTAAAGTTAGGTAATAGCAAAAAGT
ATCGTTACCTCTTATATTATAAGCAGTGTGACTATAGGCTATTTGTATTATAGCTGGTTTGAAACAAGTCCCTTTACTAATGAAATGT
TTATATTTTGTATGAAATACGTTCAAAAAGGATTAAATGAATGACCTTAACATTTTCGCGATGACACAGATTATTACATTTGGTACTTGTCTAC
AAGTATATTCATAATTTACATATTTCAAGGTCCTGCAATGCGGTTTTCGCTATGGCTTTAATACAAACGGGCTCAAGACTGCGTTTATC
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TCTATTTTGAAGAGCGGCTTTGCATCATTAATATGATAGTGGGCTGAGCGAAGTGTGTATGATGATAAATGCCATTTTCAGTAATTAATAT
ACACTAGGTTTGTGTCGGATTAGTGATATGTCATATTTGGCTCGCAATTAATGTTATTTACTTGTTCGCCAATAATACATATTTG
CAGATCTTTGCGGAATGGGCAATTTTATGCGTGCATTTTATATCATATTTATGCTTTTATTTACTGTTTGAATTTATGATTTAACATTT
TCTGGGAAAAATGTAACAGCAATTTGTTGTAATGTTGACGATGCTGATTTACTTTTAAACAGTATCATTTAATAACTCAAGATATGTCGCT
TTTATTTTAGGAATATATGCTCTTTATTTGTTCAATATGAAAAGATGGAAGGGATCGTAATGAAGAGTGA

>168339_1
MENQHNSKLLTLLIGLAVFIQSSVIAGVNVSIADFIITLLILVYLLFFANHLKANHFLOQFIILYTYRMIITICLLFFDILLFITVKE
VLASTVKYAFVVIYFYLGMIFKLGNSKKVIVTSYIISVVTIGLFCIIAGLNKSPLLMKLLYFDEIRSKGLMNDPNYFAMTQIITLVLAY
KYIHNYIFKVLACGILLWSLTTTGSRTAFIILIVLAJYFIIKKLFSRNVSVVSVIMLILLCFTEYNINYYLFQLSOLDALPSLDRMA
SIFEFGFASLNDGSGERSVWVINAISVIKYLTFGFGVLVDYVHIGSQINGILLVAHNTYLQIFAENGILFGALFIIFMLYLLFELFRFNI
SGKNVTAIVVMTMLIYFLTVSFMNSRVAPILGIIVFIVQYKMERDRNEE

>168339_2 (ORF overlaps the 3' end of 168339_1 by 35 nucleotides)
ATGAAAAGATGGAAGGGATCGTAATGAAGAGTGATTCACTAAAAGAAAAATATTATTTATCAAGGGCTATACCAATTTGATTAGAACGATG
ACACCACGATTAACAATACCAATTTATTTCACTGCAATTTGGTCCAGTGGTGTGGGTATTTGTTCAATTTCTTTCAATATCGTGCAATAC
TTTGTATGATTGCAAGTGTGGCGTTCAAGTTATATTTAAATAGAGTTATCGCGAAGTCCGTTAAGCAAAACGGCAATTTGTCACACGAC
TTTGGGATATCTTTGTCAGTAAATATTTTTACGCTTAACAGTTTTCGATGATATATGTCGTAATTAATTAATTTATGATGATTTAC
TATCTTTATTTCTTACTACAAGGAATCTATATTTAGCTGCAGCACTCGAATTTTCATGTTTATGCTGGAACGAAAAAGTTAAAAAT
CCTAGCCCTCAGTAATTTGTTGCTCTGTTATTTAAGTGTAGTTGTTATTTTGTCAAGATCAATCAGATTATTCATTTGATGTA
TTTACTATTGCTATTGTCAGGTTATTAACCAATTAACCTTTGTTTATCTATTTAAACGATACATTAAGCTTTGTTTCGGTTAAATTTGGATA
CAGGTCGCGCAATTTGTTGCTTCTCATTTAGCATCTTTATTAACCAATGACAGCTCAACTTATATACATGATTTCTTGGCTGTGCTT
GGTTTATGATGATACATCAACAAGTTGTTATCTTTTAAACGCAATTAATATTTAAGCTGCGCAATCATAATGATTAATACATTTGAT
CTTGTAAATGATTTCCCGTATTACCAAAATGCTATCCAGCAATCACATAGTTTAACTAAAAGCTTAGCTAATAATATGAATATTTCAATTTG
ATATTAAACAATACCTATGGCTTTGTTTAAATGCAATTTATGCCATCATTTTATTTATGTTTCTTTGGTGAGGAATTCGCATCAACTGTC
CCATTTGATGACCAATTTAGCGATTTCTGTTATTAATCATTTCTTTAAATATGTTGATAAGCAGGCAATAATTTATTAATAGTGAATAAAATTA
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GCTATTTGGCGGTTTAAATACAGAGTTTCTTGTCTCATTTGGCGATTTATGATATTTACTAAAATCAATGTGAAGTTGAATATTTGTAAGT
ACGATTCAATGTCATTTGCTGTTTATGATGTTTATTTGCTGTTGGTGGTCAATCATTTTGGCCCTACAAATGTAACCTACCTG
CTATTAATTTGCGATTTGATAGTATTTATCTTTTATTAATGATGACTAGAAAAATCAATACGTATGGCAAAATTTAGAGGATCTTTGCA
CATAAAAAATTTAA

>168339_2
 MKSDSLKENIIYQGLYQLIRTMPLITIPISRAFGPSGVGIVSFSFNIVQYFLMIASVGVLQYFNRVIARSVNDRQLS
 QQFWDIEFVSKLFLALTVMVITIFIDYLLFLQGIYIIGAALDISWYAGTEKFKIPSLSNIVASGIVLSVVI
 FVKDQSDLSLYVFTIAIVTVLNQLPLFIYLRKRYISFVSVNWIHVWQLFRSSLAYLLPQQLNLYTSISCVVLGLVGTYYQ
 VGIFSNAFNILTVAIIMINTFDLVMIPRITKNSIQQSHSLAKTLANNMNIQLILTI PMVFGLIAMPSPYLMFFGEEFAS
 TVPLMTILAILVLIIPNLMLISQYLLIVNKIRLYNASITIGAVINLVLCILLIYFYGYGAAIARLITEFFLLINRFID
 ITKINVKLINIVSTIQCVLAAMMFIVLGVNHYLPPTMYATLLLLAIGIVVYLLMMTMQYVWQILRHLRHKT I

Nucleic acid molecules of the present invention may be in the form of RNA, such as mRNA, or in the form of DNA, including, for instance, DNA and genomic DNA obtained by cloning or produced synthetically. The DNA may be double-stranded or single-stranded. Single-stranded DNA or RNA may be the coding strand, also known as the sense strand, or it may be the non-coding strand, also referred to as the anti-sense strand.

By "isolated" polynucleotide sequence is intended a nucleic acid molecule, DNA or RNA, which has been removed from its native environment. This includes segments of DNA comprising the *S. aureus* polynucleotides of the present invention isolated from the native chromosome. These fragments include both isolated fragments consisting only of *S. aureus* DNA and fragments comprising heterologous sequences such as vector sequences or other foreign DNA. For example, recombinant DNA molecules contained in a vector are considered isolated for the purposes of the present invention which may be partially or substantially purified. Further examples of isolated DNA molecules include recombinant DNA molecules introduced and maintained in heterologous host cells or purified (partially or substantially) DNA molecules in solution. Isolated RNA molecules include *in vivo* or *in vitro* RNA transcripts of the DNA molecules of the present invention. Isolated nucleic acid molecules according to the present invention further include such molecules produced synthetically which may be partially or substantially purified the excluded RNA or heterologous DNA. Isolated nucleic acid molecules e at least 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 96%, 98%, 99%, or 100% pure relative to herelogenous (*Staphylococcus* or other) (DNA or RNA) or relative to all materials and compounds other than the carrier solution. The term "isolated" does not refer to genomic or cDNA libraries, whole cell mRNA preparations, genomic DNA digests (including those gel separated by electrophoresis), whole chromosome or sheared whole cell genomic DNA preparations or other compositions where the art demonstrates no distinguishing features of the polynucleotides sequences of the present invention.

In addition, isolated nucleic acid molecules of the invention include DNA molecules which comprise a sequence substantially different from those described above but which, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, still encode a *S. aureus* polypeptides and peptides of the present invention (e.g. polypeptides of Table 1). That is, all possible DNA sequences that encode the *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention. This includes the genetic code and species-specific codon preferences known in the art. Thus, it would be routine for one skilled

in the art to generate the degenerate variants described above, for instance, to optimize codon expression for a particular host (e.g., change codons in the bacteria mRNA to those preferred by a mammalian or other bacterial host such as *E. coli*).

The invention further provides isolated nucleic acid molecules having the nucleotide sequence shown in Table 1 or a nucleic acid molecule having a sequence complementary to one of the above sequences. Such isolated molecules, particularly DNA molecules, are useful as probes for gene mapping and for identifying *S. aureus* in a biological sample, for instance, by PCR or Northern blot analysis. In specific embodiments, the polynucleotides of the present invention are less than 300kb, 200kb, 100kb, 50kb, 10kb, 7.5kb, 5kb, 2.5kb, and 1kb. In another embodiment, the polynucleotides comprising the coding sequence for polypeptides of the present invention do not contain genomic flanking gene sequences or contain only genomic flanking gene sequences having regulatory control sequences for the said polynucleotides.

The present invention is further directed to nucleic acid molecules encoding portions or fragments of the nucleotide sequences described herein. Uses for the polynucleotide fragments of the present invention include probes, primers, molecular weight, markers and for expressing the polypeptide fragments of the present invention. Fragments include portions of the nucleotide sequences of Table 1, at least 10 contiguous nucleotides in length selected from any two integers, one of which representing a 5' nucleotide position and a second of which representing a 3' nucleotide position, where the first nucleotide for each nucleotide sequence in Table 1 is position 1. That is, every combination of a 5' and 3' nucleotide position that a fragment at least 10 contiguous nucleotides in length could occupy is included in the invention as an individual species. "At least" means a fragment may be 10 contiguous nucleotide bases in length or any integer between 10 and the length of an entire nucleotide sequence minus 1. Therefore, included in the invention are contiguous fragments specified by any 5' and 3' nucleotide base positions of a nucleotide sequences of Table 1 wherein the contiguous fragment is any integer between 10 and the length of an entire nucleotide sequence minus 1.

The polynucleotide fragment specified by 5' and 3' positions can be immediately envisaged using the clone description and are therefore not individually listed solely for the purpose of not unnecessarily lengthening the specifications.

Although it is particularly pointed out that each of the above described species may be included in or excluded from the present invention. The above species of polynucleotides fragments of the present invention may alternatively be described by the formula "a to b"; where "a" equals the 5' nucleotide position and "b" equals 3' nucleotide position of the polynucleotide fragment, where "a" equals an integer between 1 and the number of nucleotides of the polynucleotide sequence of the present invention minus 10, where "b" equals an integer between 10 and the number of nucleotides of the polynucleotide sequence of the present invention; and where "a" is an integer smaller than "b" by at least 10.

Again, it is particularly pointed out that each species of the above formula may be specifically included in, or excluded from, the present invention. Further, the invention includes polynucleotides comprising sub-genuses of fragments specified by size, in nucleotides, rather than by nucleotide positions. The invention includes any fragment size, in contiguous nucleotides, selected from integers between 10 and the length of an entire nucleotide sequence minus 1. Preferred size of contiguous nucleotide fragments include 20 nucleotides, 30 nucleotides, 40 nucleotides, 50 nucleotides, 60 nucleotides, 70 nucleotides, 80 nucleotides, 90 nucleotides, 100 nucleotides, 125 nucleotides, 150 nucleotides, 175 nucleotides, 200 nucleotides, 250 nucleotides, 300 nucleotides, 350 nucleotides, 400 nucleotides, 450 nucleotides, 500 nucleotides, 550 nucleotides, 600 nucleotides, 650 nucleotides, 700 nucleotides, 750 nucleotides, 800 nucleotides, 850 nucleotides, 900 nucleotides, 950 nucleotides, 1000 nucleotides, 1050 nucleotides, 1100 nucleotides, and 1150 nucleotides. Other preferred sizes of contiguous polynucleotide fragments, which may be useful as diagnostic probes and primers, include fragment sizes representing each integer between 50-300. Larger fragments are also useful according to the present invention corresponding to most, if not all, of the polynucleotide sequences of the sequence listing or deposited clones. The preferred sizes are, of course, meant to exemplify not limit to present invention as all size fragments, representing any integer between 10 and the length of an entire nucleotide sequence minus 1 of the sequence listing or deposited clones, may be specifically included from the invention. Additional preferred nucleic acid fragment of the present invention include nucleic acid molecules encoding epitope-bearing portions of the polynucleotides (e.g., including but not limited to, nucleic acid molecules encoding epitope-bearing portions of the polynucleotides which are shown in Table 4).

In another aspect, the invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent hybridization conditions to a portion of a polynucleotide in a nucleic acid molecules of the invention described above, for instance, nucleotide sequences of Table 1. By "stringent hybridization conditions" is intended overnight incubation at 42°C in a solution comprising: 50% formamide, 5x SSC (750 mM NaCl, 75 mM trisodium citrate), 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA, followed by washing the filters in 0.1x SSC at about 65°C. Hybridizing polynucleotides are useful as diagnostic probes and primers as discussed above. Portions of a polynucleotide which hybridize to a nucleotide sequence in Table 1, which can be used as probes and primers, may be precisely specified by 5' and 3' base positions or by size in nucleotide bases as described above or precisely excluded in the same manner. Preferred hybridizing polynucleotides of the present invention are those that, when labeled and used in a hybridization assay known in the art (e.g. Southern and Northern blot analysis), display the greatest signal strength with the polynucleotides of Table 1

regardless of other heterologous sequences present in equimolar amounts

The nucleic acid molecules of the present invention, which encode a *S. aureus* polypeptide, may include, but are not limited to, nucleic acid molecules encoding the full length *S. aureus* polypeptides of Table 1. Also included in the present invention are nucleic acids encoding the above full length sequences and further comprise additional sequences, such as those encoding an added secretory leader sequence, such as a pre-, or pro- or prepro- protein sequence. Further included in the present invention are nucleic acids encoding the above full length sequences and portions thereof and further comprise additional heterologous amino acid sequences encoded by nucleic acid sequences from a different source.

Also included in the present invention are nucleic acids encoding the above protein sequences together with additional, non-coding sequences, including for example, but not limited to non-coding 5' and 3' sequences. These sequences include transcribed, non-translated sequences that may play a role in transcription, and mRNA processing, for example, ribosome binding and stability of mRNA. Also included in the present invention are additional coding sequences which provide additional functionalities.

Thus, a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide may be fused to a marker sequence, such as a sequence encoding a peptide which facilitates purification of the fused polypeptide. In certain preferred embodiments of this aspect of the invention, the marker amino acid sequence is a hexa-histidine peptide, such as the tag provided in a pQE vector (QIAGEN, Inc., 9259 Eton Avenue, Chatsworth, CA, 91311), among others, many of which are commercially available. For instance, hexa-histidine provides for convenient purification of the fusion protein. See Gentz et al. (1989) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 86:821-24. The "HA" tag is another peptide useful for purification which corresponds to an epitope derived from the influenza hemagglutinin protein. See Wilson et al. (1984) Cell 37:767. As discussed below, other such fusion proteins include the *S. aureus* fused to Fc at the N- or C-terminus.

Variant and Mutant Polynucleotides

The present invention further relates to variants of the nucleic acid molecules which encode portions, analogs or derivatives of a *S. aureus* polypeptides of Table 1, and variant polypeptides thereof including portions, analogs, and derivatives of the *S. aureus* polypeptides. Variants may occur naturally, such as a natural allelic variant. By an "allelic variant" is intended one of several alternate forms of a gene occupying a given locus on a chromosome of an organism. See, e.g., B. Lewin, Genes IV (1990). Non-naturally occurring variants may be produced using art-known mutagenesis techniques.

Such nucleic acid variants include those produced by nucleotide substitutions, deletions, or additions. The substitutions, deletions, or additions may involve one or more nucleotides. The variants may be altered in coding regions, non-coding regions, or both.

Alterations in the coding regions may produce conservative or non-conservative amino acid substitutions, deletions or additions. Especially preferred among these are silent substitutions, additions and deletions, which do not alter the properties and activities of a *S. aureus* protein of the present invention or portions thereof. Also preferred in this regard are conservative substitutions.

Such polypeptide variants include those produced by amino acid substitutions, deletions or additions. The substitutions, deletions, or additions may involve one or more residues. Alterations may produce conservative or non-conservative amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions. Especially preferred among these are silent substitutions, additions and deletions, which do not alter the properties and activities of a *S. aureus* protein of the present invention or portions thereof. Also especially preferred in this regard are conservative substitutions.

The present invention also relates to recombinant vectors, which include the isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention, and to host cells containing the recombinant vectors, as well as to methods of making such vectors and host cells and for using them for production of *S. aureus* polypeptides or peptides by recombinant techniques.

The present application is directed to nucleic acid molecules at least 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to a nucleic acid sequence shown in Table 1. The above nucleic acid sequences are included irrespective of whether they encode a polypeptide having *S. aureus* activity. This is because even where a particular nucleic acid molecule does not encode a polypeptide having *S. aureus* activity, one of skill in the art would still know how to use the nucleic acid molecule, for instance, as a hybridization probe or primer. Uses of the nucleic acid molecules of the present invention that do not encode a polypeptide having *S. aureus* activity include, *inter alia*, isolating an *S. aureus* gene or allelic variants thereof from a DNA library, and detecting *S. aureus* mRNA expression in biological or environmental samples, suspected of containing *S. aureus* by Northern Blot analysis or PCR.

The present invention is further directed to nucleic acid molecules having sequences at least 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to the nucleic acid sequence shown in Table 1, which do, in fact, encode a polypeptide having *S. aureus* protein activity. By "a polypeptide having *S. aureus* activity" is intended polypeptides exhibiting activity similar, but not necessarily identical, to an activity of the *S. aureus* protein of the invention, as measured in a particular biological assay suitable for measuring activity of the specified protein. The biological activity of some of the polypeptides of the presents invention are listed in Table 1, after the name of the closest homolog with similar activity. The biological activities were determined using methods known in the art for the particular biological activity listed. For the remaining polypeptides of Table 1, the assays known in the art to measure the activity of the polypeptides of Table 2, sharing a high degree of identity, may be used to measure the activity

of the corresponding polypeptides of Table 1.

Of course, due to the degeneracy of the genetic code, one of ordinary skill in the art will immediately recognize that a large number of the nucleic acid molecules having a sequence at least 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical to the nucleic acid sequences shown in Table 1 will encode a polypeptide having biological activity. In fact, since degenerate variants of these nucleotide sequences all encode the same polypeptide, this will be clear to the skilled artisan even without performing the above described comparison assay. It will be further recognized in the art that, for such nucleic acid molecules that are not degenerate variants, a reasonable number will also encode a polypeptide having biological activity. This is because the skilled artisan is fully aware of amino acid substitutions that are either less likely or not likely to significantly effect protein function (e.g., replacing one aliphatic amino acid with a second aliphatic amino acid), as further described below.

By a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least, for example, 95% "identical" to a reference nucleotide sequence of the present invention, it is intended that the nucleotide sequence of the polynucleotide is identical to the reference sequence except that the polynucleotide sequence may include up to five point mutations per each 100 nucleotides of the reference nucleotide sequence encoding the *S. aureus* polypeptide. In other words, to obtain a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a reference nucleotide sequence, up to 5% of the nucleotides in the reference sequence may be deleted, inserted, or substituted with another nucleotide. The query sequence may be an entire sequence shown in Table 1, the ORF (open reading frame), or any fragment specified as described herein.

Other methods of determining and defining whether any particular nucleic acid molecule or polypeptide is at least 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to a nucleotide sequence of the present invention can be done by using known computer programs. A preferred method for determining the best overall match between a query sequence (a sequence of the present invention) and a subject sequence, also referred to as a global sequence alignment, can be determined using the FASTDB computer program based on the algorithm of Brutlag et al. See Brutlag et al. (1990) Comp. App. Biosci. 6:237-245. In a sequence alignment the query and subject sequences are both DNA sequences. An RNA sequence can be compared by first converting U's to T's. The result of said global sequence alignment is in percent identity. Preferred parameters used in a FASTDB alignment of DNA sequences to calculate percent identity are: Matrix=Unitary, k-tuple=4, Mismatch Penalty=1, Joining Penalty=30, Randomization Group Length=0, Cutoff Score=1, Gap Penalty=5, Gap Size Penalty 0.05, Window Size=500 or the length of the subject nucleotide sequence, whichever is shorter.

TABLE 2. Closest matching sequence between the polypeptides of the present invention and sequences in GenSeq and GenBank databases

| Sequence ID | Antigen Accession No. | Match Gene Name | High Score | Smallest Sum Probability P (N) |
|---------------|-----------------------|---|------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>GenSeq</i> | | | | |
| HGS001 | W34207 | Streptomyces fabH homologue (frenolicin gene 1 pro... | 285 | 3.50E-65 |
| HGS001 | W55808 | Streptomyces roseofulvus frenolicin gene cluster p... | 285 | 3.50E-65 |
| HGS002 | W20949 | H. pylori cytoplasmic protein, 29zp10241orf7. | 81 | 5.10E-12 |
| HGS003 | W48300 | Staphylococcus aureus Fab I enoyl-ACP reductase. | 1271 | 1.90E-170 |
| HGS003 | W40806 | M. bovis InhA protein. | 95 | 1.00E-29 |
| HGS003 | R23793 | Stearoyl-ACP-desaturase (from clone pDES7). | 157 | 1.60E-28 |
| HGS003 | R66290 | M. tuberculosis inhA gene. | 94 | 7.40E-28 |
| HGS003 | R66901 | M. tuberculosis InhA. | 94 | 7.40E-28 |
| HGS003 | R66292 | Mycobacterium bovis InhA. | 92 | 4.70E-19 |
| HGS003 | R63900 | M. bovis InhA. | 92 | 4.70E-19 |
| HGS003 | W16684 | Lawsonia intracellularis enoyl-(acyl carrier prote... | 114 | 1.80E-09 |
| HGS003 | W40805 | M. tuberculosis InhA protein. | 96 | 2.60E-09 |
| HGS003 | W40807 | M. smegmatis InhA protein, mc2155 inhA-1. | 101 | 9.70E-09 |
| HGS004 | W32287 | Streptococcus pneumoniae MurA protein. | 643 | 4.00E-89 |
| HGS004 | W26786 | Streptococcus pneumoniae Mur A-1. | 643 | 4.10E-89 |
| HGS004 | W27782 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyltransferase. | 163 | 1.80E-15 |
| HGS004 | W27783 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyltransferase. | 120 | 1.90E-12 |
| HGS006 | W36168 | Staphylococcus aureus SP protein. | 584 | 4.30E-78 |
| HGS006 | W37468 | Staphylococcus aureus RNase P. | 581 | 1.10E-77 |
| HGS007M | W27798 | Amino acid sequence of a replicative DNA heli case | 5524 | 6e-83.2 |
| HGS007M | R29636 | pCTD ORF 1. | 241. | 7e-34.3 |
| HGS008 | W27814 | A malonyl coenzymeA-acyl carrier protein transacyl... | 365 | 4.70E-46 |
| HGS008 | W19629 | Streptomyces venezuelae polyketide synthase. | 96 | 2.30E-19 |
| HGS008 | W22602 | Ty lactone synthase ORF2 protein. | 83 | 2.90E-18 |
| HGS008 | W22605 | Ty lactone synthase ORF5 protein. | 95 | 8.90E-17 |

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| HGS008 | R44431 | eryA region polypeptide module #2. | 88 | 2.30E-14 |
| HGS008 | R42452 | Enzyme involved in eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) syn... | 94 | 5.30E-14 |
| HGS008 | R99462 | Biosynthetic enzyme of icosapentaenoic acid synthase. | 94 | 4.60E-13 |
| HGS008 | W37050 | S. putrefaciens EPO biosynthesis gene cluster ORF6... | 94 | 4.60E-13 |
| HGS008 | R44432 | eryA region polypeptide module #3. | 83 | 6.20E-13 |
| HGS008 | W22607 | Platenolide synthase ORF2 protein. | 80 | 2.20E-12 |
| HGS014 | W34454 | Racillus subtilis teichoic acid polymerase. | 597 | 2.70E-87 |
| HGS014 | W34455 | Racillus subtilis teichoic acid polymerase. | 597 | 3.10E-87 |
| HGS014 | W27744 | Amino acid sequence of teichoic acid biosynthesis p... | 425 | 2.50E-53 |
| HGS016 | W32287 | Streptococcus pneumoniae MurA protein. | 643 | 4.00E-89 |
| HGS016 | W26786 | Streptococcus pneumoniae Mur A-1. | 643 | 4.10E-89 |
| HGS016 | W27782 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyltransferase. | 163 | 1.80E-15 |
| HGS016 | W27783 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyltransferase. | 120 | 1.90E-12 |
| HGS018 | R95648 | Thermotable DNA-ligase. | 833 | 3.00E-205 |
| HGS018 | R81473 | Thermus aquaticus DNA ligase protein. | 428 | 2.00E-201 |
| HGS018 | R15299 | Thermotable T. aquaticus ligase (I). | 428 | 7.40E-199 |
| HGS018 | R15694 | Thermotable T. aquaticus ligase (II). | 428 | 4.80E-196 |
| HGS019 | P70096 | Met-aminopeptidase. | 143 | 2.90E-35 |
| HGS019 | R90027 | Methionine aminopeptidase sequence. | 138 | 1.60E-20 |
| HGS022 | R12401 | Enantioselective amidase of Rhodococcus. | 405 | 4.70E-102 |
| HGS022 | R25320 | Enantioselective amidase. | 405 | 4.70E-102 |
| HGS022 | W14159 | Rhodococcus rhodochrous amidase. | 352 | 6.10E-63 |
| HGS022 | W17820 | Pseudomonas putida amidase. | 208 | 1.20E-62 |
| HGS022 | R12400 | Enantioselective amidase of Brevibacterium. | 353 | 2.90E-62 |
| HGS022 | R24529 | Enantioselective amidase. | 353 | 2.90E-62 |
| HGS022 | W10882 | Comamonas acidovorans derived amidase enzyme. | 261 | 4.00E-61 |
| HGS022 | R60155 | Comamonas testosteroni NI 1 amidase. | 306 | 5.30E-47 |
| HGS022 | R42839 | Urea amidolysase. | 243 | 1.40E-31 |
| HGS022 | R44504 | Urea amide lyase. | 224 | 8.60E-30 |
| HGS026 | W29380 | S. pneumoniae peptide releasing factor RF-1. | 593 | 3.30E-142 |
| HGS028 | W29380 | S. pneumoniae peptide releasing factor RF-1. | 218 | 1.70E-49 |
| HGS031 | W20646 | H. pylori cytoplasmic protein, O2cp11822orf26. | 291 | 5.70E-47 |

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| HGS031 | W20147 | H. pylori cytoplasmic protein, 14574201.aa. | 75 | 1.50E-08 |
| HGS033 | W20861 | H. pylori cell envelope transporter protein, 12ge1... | 100 | 2.30E-18 |
| HGS033 | W20101 | H. pylori transporter protein 11132778.aa. | 100 | 6.10E-17 |
| HGS033 | W25671 | hABC3 protein. | 111 | 4.20E-15 |
| HGS033 | W46761 | Amino acid sequence of human ATP binding cassette ... | 111 | 4.20E-15 |
| HGS033 | W46771 | Amino acid sequence of human ATP binding cassette ... | 111 | 4.30E-15 |
| HGS033 | W42393 | Bacillus thermoleovorans phosphatase (68FY5). | 96 | 1.90E-13 |
| HGS033 | W34202 | Streptomyces efflux pump protein (frenolicin gene ... | 92 | 5.50E-12 |
| HGS033 | W55803 | Streptomyces roseofulvus frenolicin gene cluster p... | 92 | 5.50E-12 |
| HGS033 | W20224 | H. pylori transporter protein, 22265691.aa. | 88 | 7.40E-12 |
| HGS033 | W20668 | H. pylori transporter protein O3ee11215orf29. | 88 | 8.90E-12 |
| HGS036 | W20640 | H. pylori transporter protein, 02ce11022orf8. | 264 | 2.20E-33 |
| HGS036 | W34202 | Streptomyces efflux pump protein (frenolicin gene ... | 184 | 1.30E-29 |
| HGS036 | W55803 | Streptomyces roseofulvus frenolicin gene cluster p... | 184 | 1.30E-29 |
| HGS036 | W20289 | H. pylori transporter protein, 24218968.aa. | 201 | 5.50E-21 |
| HGS036 | W20711 | H. pylori transporter protein, 05cp11911orf41. | 148 | 2.10E-19 |
| HGS036 | W20101 | H. pylori transporter protein 11132778.aa. | 164 | 3.50E-19 |
| HGS036 | W20861 | H. pylori cell envelope transporter protein, 12ge1... | 164 | 4.20E-19 |
| HGS036 | W20492 | H. pylori cell envelope transporter protein 433843... | 148 | 1.60E-18 |
| HGS036 | W21019 | H. pylori cell envelope transporter protein, hp5e1... | 144 | 8.30E-16 |
| HGS036 | R71091 | C. jejuni PEB1A antigen from ORF3. | 136 | 7.90E-14 |
| 168153_3 | W01619 | Human uridine diphosphate galactose-4-epimerase. | 128 | 9.80E-29 |
| 168153_3 | W40383 | S. glaucescens acbD protein. | 105 | 1.10E-15 |
| 168153_3 | R98529 | dTDP-glucose dehydratase encoded by the acbB gene. | 108 | 4.50E-15 |
| 168153_3 | R80287 | galE gene of S. lividans gal operon. | 88 | 2.60E-13 |
| 168153_3 | P70275 | Sequence encoded by S.lividans gal operon galE gene. | 86 | 5.10E-13 |
| 168153_3 | R41529 | S.lividans UDP-4-epimerase. | 86 | 5.10E-13 |
| 168153_3 | R32195 | ADP-L-glycero-D-mannoheptose-6-epimerase protein. | 82 | 3.40E-10 |
| 168153_2 | W03997 | Glucosyl IP-transferase (SpsB protein). | 168 | 8.30E-36 |
| 168153_2 | W32794 | Sphingomonas genus microbe isolated SpsB protein. | 168 | 8.30E-36 |
| 168153_2 | W22173 | S.thermophilus exopolysaccharide synthesis operon ... | 141 | 2.20E-31 |
| 168153_2 | W14074 | S.thermophilus exopolysaccharide biosynthesis enzy... | 141 | 2.20E-31 |
| 168153_2 | P70458 | Sequence of gpD encoded by segment of Xanthomonas ... | 183 | 2.30E-30 |

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| 168153_1 | W22175 | S.thermophilus exopolysaccharide synthesis operon ... | 141 | 6.40E-35 |
| 168153_1 | W14076 | S.thermophilus exopolysaccharide biosynthesis enzy... | 141 | 9.50E-35 |
| 168153_1 | W22174 | S.thermophilus exopolysaccharide synthesis operon ... | 162 | 9.50E-30 |
| 168153_1 | W14075 | S.thermophilus exopolysaccharide biosynthesis enzy... | 162 | 9.50E-30 |
| 168339_2 | W27736 | Putative O-antigen transporter protein. | 820 | 5.70E-11.5 |
| <i>GenBank</i> | | | | |
| HGS001 | gnllPIDle1183136 | similar to 3-oxoacyl- acyl-carrier protein | 569 | 2.20E-129 |
| HGS001 | gil151943 | ORF3; putative [Rhodobacter capsulatus] | 404 | 1.40E-92 |
| HGS001 | gil2983572 | (AE000723) 3-oxoacyl-[acyl-carrier-protein | 311 | 5.10E-92 |
| HGS001 | gil1276662 | beta-ketoacyl-acyl carrier protein synthase | 292 | 3.90E-90 |
| HGS001 | gil2313291 | (AE000540) beta-ketoacyl-acyl carrier protein | 269 | 3.50E-89 |
| HGS001 | gnllPIDle1183019 | similar to 3-oxoacyl- acyl-carrier protein | 373 | 2.00E-86 |
| HGS001 | gil1143069 | 3-ketoacyl carrier protein synthase III | 287 | 3.60E-86 |
| HGS001 | gil22744 | beta-ketoacyl-acyl carrier protein synthase | 292 | 1.20E-85 |
| HGS001 | gil311686 | 3-ketoacyl-acyl carrier protein synthase | 322 | 3.40E-85 |
| HGS001 | gil145898 | beta-ketoacyl-acyl carrier protein synthase | 366 | 7.30E-84 |
| HGS002 | gil142833 | ORF2 [Bacillus subtilis] >gnllPIDle11851... | 215 | 2.50E-70 |
| HGS002 | gnllPIDle1019368 | hypothetical protein [Synecocystis sp.] | 235 | 8.50E-67 |
| HGS002 | gil2983165 | (AE000694) UDP-N-acetylenolpyruvoylgluco... | 207 | 1.10E-58 |
| HGS002 | gil404010 | ORF2 [Bacillus licheniformis] >gil14022... | 251 | 1.10E-50 |
| HGS002 | gil2688520 | (AE001161) UDP-N-acetylmutamate dehydrog... | 197 | 1.80E-42 |
| HGS002 | gil1841789 | UDP-N-acetylenolpyruvoylglucosamine reduc... | 249 | 7.10E-40 |
| HGS002 | gil2983149 | (AE000693) UDP-N-acetylenolpyruvoylglucos... | 212 | 3.80E-36 |
| HGS002 | gil431730 | UDP-N-acetylenolpyruvoylglucosamine redu... | 119 | 4.50E-22 |
| HGS002 | gil1573234 | UDP-N-acetylenolpyruvoylglucosamine redu... | 139 | 6.20E-22 |
| HGS002 | gil290456 | UDP-N-acetylpyruvoylglucosamine reductas... | 123 | 2.90E-20 |
| HGS003 | gnllPIDle1183192 | similar to enoyl- acyl-carrier protein r... | 743 | 1.80E-97 |
| HGS003 | gil142010 | Shows 70.2% similarity and 48.6% identit... | 519 | 8.90E-80 |
| HGS003 | gnllPIDle1017769 | enoyl-[acyl-carrier-protein] reductase [... | 482 | 2.10E-73 |
| HGS003 | gil2313282 | (AE000539) enoyl-(acyl-carrier-protein) ... | 449 | 1.70E-71 |
| HGS003 | gil145851 | envM [Escherichia coli] >gil587106 enoyl... | 388 | 3.70E-71 |
| HGS003 | gil153955 | envM protein [Salmonella typhimurium] >p... | 386 | 2.10E-69 |

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| HGS003 | gill574591 | short chain alcohol dehydrogenase homolo... | 362 | 3.10E-68 |
| HGS003 | gil2983915 | (AE000745) enoyl-acyl-carrier-protein] ... | 268 | 1.10E-64 |
| HGS003 | gil1053075 | orf1: similar to E.coli EnvM [Proteus mi... | 259 | 2.60E-29 |
| HGS003 | gnlPIDle1188732 | (AJ003124) enoyl-ACP reductase [Peunia ... | 154 | 2.20E-28 |
| HGS004 | gnlPIDle276830 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyltr... | 1251 | 2.50E-195 |
| HGS004 | gil415662 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyl t... | 534 | 1.40E-139 |
| HGS004 | gnlPIDle1010850 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyltr... | 732 | 7.50E-138 |
| HGS004 | gil41344 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyltr... | 537 | 2.90E-137 |
| HGS004 | gil1574635 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine enolpyruvyl tran... | 536 | 4.70E-136 |
| HGS004 | gil146902 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine enolpyruvyl tran... | 509 | 5.10E-134 |
| HGS004 | gil2983705 | (AE000732) UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-car... | 492 | 6.20E-121 |
| HGS004 | gnlPIDle229797 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine enolpyruvyl tran... | 606 | 3.00E-119 |
| HGS004 | gil699337 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyl tr... | 605 | 1.10E-118 |
| HGS004 | gil2313767 | (AE000578) UDP-N-acetylglucosamine enolp... | 440 | 1.90E-117 |
| HGS005 | gil143434 | Rho Factor [Bacillus subtilis] | 755 | 1.10E-190 |
| HGS005 | gil853769 | transcriptional terminator Rho [Bacillus ... | 746 | 1.80E-189 |
| HGS005 | gil2983405 | (AE000711) transcriptional terminator Rho... | 580 | 2.10E-154 |
| HGS005 | gil454859 | The first ATG in the open reading frame ... | 543 | 7.90E-150 |
| HGS005 | gil147607 | transcription termination factor [Escheri... | 592 | 9.40E-149 |
| HGS005 | gil49363 | ho Factor [Salmonella typhimurium] >pirl... | 592 | 1.70E-148 |
| HGS005 | gnlPIDle220353 | Rho gene product [Streptomyces lividans] ... | 575 | 4.90E-148 |
| HGS005 | gil1573263 | transcription termination factor rho (rho... | 575 | 5.40E-147 |
| HGS005 | gil49365 | Rho factor [Neisseria gonorrhoeae] >pirl... | 590 | 1.40E-146 |
| HGS005 | gil2313666 | (AE000569) transcription termination fact... | 547 | 8.10E-146 |
| HGS006 | gil580904 | homologous to E.coli rnpA [Bacillus subt... | 295 | 8.10E-37 |
| HGS006 | gnlPIDle1005777 | protein component of ribonuclease P [Bac... | 293 | 1.60E-36 |
| HGS006 | gnlPIDle1004132 | RNaseP C5 subunit [Mycoplasma capricolum... | 99 | 3.60E-22 |
| HGS006 | gil144147 | rnpA [Buchnera aphidicola] >gil2827012 (...) | 97 | 3.90E-10 |
| HGS006 | gil511457 | RNase P protein component [Coxiella burn... | 117 | 2.30E-09 |
| HGS007M | gnlPIDle1005718 | replicative DNA helicase [Bacillus subt... | 579 | 6.20E-169 |
| HGS007M | gil3282821 | (AF045058) DnaC replicative helicase [Ba... | 536 | 3.60E-156 |
| HGS007M | gnlPIDle321938 | helicase [Rhodothermus marinus] | 433 | 1.50E-123 |

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| HGS007M | gil2335167 | (AF006675) DNA helicase [Rhodothermus ma... | 271 | 2.90E-109 |
| HGS007M | gnlPIDle211889 | DNA-replication helicase [Odontella sine... | 395 | 1.60E-108 |
| HGS007M | gnlPIDle1263993 | (AL022118) replicative DNA helicase DnaB... | 235 | 3.20E-103 |
| HGS007M | gnlPIDle244747 | gene 40 [Bacteriophage SPP1] >gil529650 ... | 477 | 4.40E-103 |
| HGS007M | gil2983861 | (AE000742) replicative DNA helicase (Agu... | 244 | 1.10E-102 |
| HGS007M | gil2314528 | (AE000636) replicative DNA helicase (dna... | 246 | 7.70E-101 |
| HGS007M | gnlPIDid1011167 | replicative DNA helicase [Synecocystis ... | 209 | 1.50E-100 |
| HGS008 | gnlPIDle1185181 | malonyl CoA-acyl carrier protein transac... | 560 | 4.30E-90 |
| HGS008 | gil1502420 | malonyl-CoA:Acyl carrier protein transac... | 391 | 1.40E-86 |
| HGS008 | gil3282803 | (AF044668) malonyl CoA-acyl carrier prot... | 308 | 2.50E-75 |
| HGS008 | gil2738154 | malonyl-CoA:acyl carrier protein transac... | 283 | 3.40E-75 |
| HGS008 | gil145887 | malonyl coenzyme A-acyl carrier protein ... | 304 | 6.30E-75 |
| HGS008 | gil1573113 | malonyl coenzyme A-acyl carrier protein ... | 270 | 7.60E-74 |
| HGS008 | gil2983416 | (AE000712) malonyl-CoA:Acyl carrier prot... | 213 | 2.70E-73 |
| HGS008 | gil840626 | transacylase [Bacillus subtilis] | 221 | 1.20E-66 |
| HGS008 | gil3150402 | (AC004165) putative malonyl-CoA:Acyl car... | 235 | 1.60E-57 |
| HGS008 | gnlPIDle1185300 | pksC [Bacillus subtilis] >gnlPIDle11833... | 145 | 4.40E-38 |
| HGS009 | gil460911 | fructose-bisphosphate aldolase [Bacillus... | 1169 | 2.10E-154 |
| HGS009 | gnlPIDle1251871 | fructose-1,6-bisphosphate aldolase type ... | 1121 | 6.70E-148 |
| HGS009 | gnlPIDid1003809 | hypothetical protein [Bacillus subtilis]... | 467 | 1.50E-110 |
| HGS009 | gil2313265 | (AE000538) fructose-bisphosphate aldolas... | 252 | 6.40E-91 |
| HGS009 | gil1673788 | (AE000015) Mycoplasma pneumoniae, fructo... | 238 | 4.60E-81 |
| HGS009 | gil1045692 | fructose-bisphosphate aldolase [Mycoplas... | 226 | 6.40E-77 |
| HGS009 | gnlPIDid1016691 | Tagatose-bisphosphate aldolase GalY (EC ... | 279 | 2.30E-75 |
| HGS009 | gil599738 | unknown function [Escherichia coli] >pir... | 274 | 2.00E-74 |
| HGS009 | gil1732204 | putative aldolase [Vibrio furnissii] | 271 | 5.00E-74 |
| HGS009 | gil606077 | ORF_0286 [Escherichia coli] >gil1789526 ... | 264 | 1.30E-73 |
| HGS014 | gil40100 | rodC (tag3) polypeptide (AA 1-746) [Baci... | 597 | 1.70E-86 |
| HGS014 | gnlPIDle1169895 | tasA [Streptococcus pneumoniae] | 108 | 4.90E-27 |
| HGS014 | gil2621425 | (AE000822) teichoic acid biosynthesis pr... | 142 | 2.00E-23 |
| HGS014 | gil2621421 | (AE000822) teichoic acid biosynthesis pr... | 147 | 5.90E-22 |
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| HGS014 | gls547513 | orf3 [Haemophilus influenzae] >pirS4924... | 106 | 5.60E-14 |
| HGS014 | gnlPIDle1027517 | (AB09477) 395aa long hypothetical prote... | 79 | 4.20E-12 |
| HGS014 | gil2072447 | EpsJ [Lactococcus lactis cremoris] | 106 | 5.20E-10 |
| HGS014 | gil915199 | ggaB [Bacillus subtilis] >gnlPIDle11844... | 89 | 8.10E-08 |
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| HGS016 | gil1574635 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyl tr... | 536 | 4.70E-136 |
| HGS016 | gil146902 | UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-carboxyvinyl tr... | 509 | 5.10E-134 |
| HGS016 | gil2983705 | (AE000732) UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-car... | 492 | 6.20E-121 |
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| HGS016 | gil2313767 | (AE000578) UDP-N-acetylglucosamine 1-car... | 440 | 1.90E-117 |
| HGS018 | gnlPIDle1182642 | similar to DNA ligase [Bacillus subtilis]... | 1574 | 9.60E-287 |
| HGS018 | gnlPIDle1017321 | DNA ligase [Synecocystis sp.] >pirS744... | 830 | 5.70E-209 |
| HGS018 | gil1574651 | DNA ligase (lig) [Haemophilus influenzae]... | 484 | 1.30E-204 |
| HGS018 | gil607820 | DNA ligase [Rhodothermus marinus] >spIP4... | 833 | 1.60E-204 |
| HGS018 | gil155088 | DNA ligase [Thermus aquaticus thermophil... | 428 | 3.10E-201 |
| HGS018 | gil609276 | DNA ligase [Thermus scotoductus] >pirS5... | 436 | 1.10E-200 |
| HGS018 | gil2983242 | (AE000699) DNA ligase (NAD dependent) [A... | 724 | 1.00E-179 |
| HGS018 | gil49284 | DNA ligase [Zymomonas mobilis] >pirS206... | 523 | 1.60E-170 |
| HGS018 | gnlPIDle1237759 | (AL021287) DNA ligase [Mycobacterium tub... | 529 | 1.80E-161 |
| HGS018 | gnlPIDle349403 | DNA ligase [Mycobacterium leprae] | 527 | 7.30E-160 |
| HGS019 | dbjID86417_12 | YfiG [Bacillus subtilis] >gnlPIDle11827... | 559 | 8.00E-72 |
| HGS019 | gil1044986 | methionine aminopeptidase [Bacillus subl... | 254 | 4.50E-58 |
| HGS019 | gil1574578 | methionine aminopeptidase (map) [Haemoph... | 185 | 5.10E-56 |
| HGS019 | gnlPIDle1172953 | (AL008883) methionine aminopeptidase [My... | 214 | 1.10E-51 |
| HGS019 | gil2982825 | (AE000672) methionyl aminopeptidase [Aqu... | 192 | 3.70E-48 |
| HGS019 | gnlPIDle1253272 | (AL021958) methionine aminopeptidase [My... | 130 | 5.20E-48 |
| HGS019 | gil2687996 | (AE001123) methionine aminopeptidase (ma... | 195 | 9.00E-48 |
| HGS019 | gnlPIDle1254451 | methionine aminopeptidase [Streptomyces ...] | 151 | 2.10E-43 |

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| HGS019 | gil975723 | methionine aminopeptidase I [Saccharomyc... | 294 | 3.60E-43 |
| HGS019 | gil2583129 | (AC002387) putative methionine aminopept... | 211 | 2.10E-41 |
| HGS022 | gnlIPIDie1182648 | alternate gene name: yedB; similar to am... | 1586 | 2.80E-212 |
| HGS022 | gil2589195 | (AF008553) Glu-tRNA ^{Gln} amidotransferase ... | 1436 | 1.70E-198 |
| HGS022 | gnlIPIDid1018331 | amidase [Synecocystis sp.] >pirIS77264... | 867 | 2.30E-178 |
| HGS022 | gil2982954 | (AE000680) glutamyl-tRNA (Gln) amidotran... | 1247 | 6.50E-176 |
| HGS022 | gil1224069 | amidase [Moraxella catarrhalis] >spQ490... | 522 | 4.40E-158 |
| HGS022 | gil2648182 | (AE000943) Glu-tRNA amidotransferase, su... | 548 | 1.30E-145 |
| HGS022 | gnlIPIDie349405 | probable amidase [Mycobacterium leprae] | 465 | 6.30E-143 |
| HGS022 | gnlIPIDie1237756 | (AL021287) putative Glu-tRNA-Gln amidotr... | 470 | 1.90E-141 |
| HGS022 | gil2313964 | (AE000594) amidase [Helicobacter pylori]... | 550 | 7.30E-123 |
| HGS022 | gil2622613 | (AE000910) amidase [Methanobacterium the... | 524 | 5.80E-116 |
| HGS023 | gil1354211 | PET112-like protein [Bacillus subtilis] ... | 2291 | 2.90E-307 |
| HGS023 | gil2653657 | Bacillus subtilis PET112-like protein [B... | 1313 | 1.20E-250 |
| HGS023 | gil2589196 | (AF008553) Glu-tRNA ^{Gln} amidotransferase ... | 1315 | 4.20E-250 |
| HGS023 | gnlIPIDie1182649 | similar to pet112-like protein [Bacillus... | 1346 | 7.10E-224 |
| HGS023 | gil2983123 | (AE000691) glutamyl-tRNA (Gln) amidotran... | 931 | 2.30E-165 |
| HGS023 | gnlIPIDid1019042 | PET112 [Synecocystis sp.] >pirS75850IS... | 859 | 4.10E-161 |
| HGS023 | gil1224071 | unknown [Moraxella catarrhalis] >spQ490... | 323 | 3.90E-132 |
| HGS023 | gil2313783 | (AE000579) PET112-like protein [Helicoba... | 664 | 6.80E-132 |
| HGS023 | gil2688237 | (AE001140) glu-tRNA amidotransferase, su... | 318 | 4.00E-131 |
| HGS023 | gil1590917 | Glu-tRNA amidotransferase (gatB) [Methan... | 263 | 8.60E-125 |
| HGS024 | gil2465557 | (AF011545) YedA [Bacillus subtilis] >gil... | 237 | 6.30E-27 |
| HGS024 | gnlIPIDid1011444 | hypothetical protein [Synecocystis sp.]... | 153 | 8.60E-22 |
| HGS024 | gil2648183 | (AE000943) Glu-tRNA amidotransferase, su... | 126 | 1.80E-21 |
| HGS024 | gnlIPIDie1237757 | (AL021287) putative Glu-tRNA-Gln amidotr... | 166 | 1.80E-17 |
| HGS024 | gil2984354 | (AE000775) glutamyl-tRNA (Gln) amidotran... | 102 | 2.70E-17 |
| HGS024 | gnlIPIDie349616 | hypothetical protein MLCB637.12 [Mycobac... | 154 | 7.10E-16 |
| HGS025 | gnlIPIDid1005830 | stage V sporulation [Bacillus subtilis] ... | 496 | 4.90E-69 |
| HGS025 | gnlIPIDid1011124 | peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase [Synecocystis s... | 307 | 2.10E-49 |
| HGS025 | gil2983032 | (AE000685) peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase [Aqui... | 386 | 2.20E-49 |
| HGS025 | gnlIPIDie304565 | Pth [Mycobacterium tuberculosis] >gnlPI... | 266 | 2.60E-43 |

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| HGS025 | gil1045760 | peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase homolog [Mycopla... | 211 | 1.40E-39 |
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| HGS025 | gil1674312 | (AE000058) Mycoplasma pneumoniae, peptid... | 208 | 9.50E-39 |
| HGS025 | gil1127571 | peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase [Chlamydia trach... | 187 | 7.00E-37 |
| HGS025 | gil1573366 | peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase (pth) [Haemophil... | 201 | 8.50E-34 |
| HGS025 | gil581202 | peptidyl-tRNA hydrolase [Escherichia col... | 186 | 2.50E-27 |
| HGS026 | gil853776 | peptide chain release factor 1 [Bacillus... | 889 | 6.10E-160 |
| HGS026 | gnlPIDd1009421 | Peptide Termination Factor [Mycoplasma c... | 715 | 1.10E-126 |
| HGS026 | gnlPIDd1019559 | peptide chain release factor [Synecocys... | 539 | 2.70E-121 |
| HGS026 | gil2688096 | (AE001130) peptide chain release factor ... | 627 | 1.80E-115 |
| HGS026 | gnlPIDd1015453 | Peptide chain release factor 1 (RF-1) [E... | 467 | 3.90E-113 |
| HGS026 | gil968930 | peptide chain release factor 1 [Escheric... | 463 | 1.30E-112 |
| HGS026 | gil147567 | peptide chain release factor 1 [Escheric... | 467 | 3.40E-112 |
| HGS026 | gil154104 | release factor 1 [Salmonella typhimurium... | 460 | 2.90E-111 |
| HGS026 | gil1574404 | polypeptide chain release factor 1 (prfA... | 449 | 1.50E-109 |
| HGS026 | gil2313158 | (AE000529) peptide chain release factor ... | 576 | 1.20E-104 |
| HGS028 | gil2331287 | (AF013188) release factor 2 [Bacillus... | 769 | 2.50E-173 |
| HGS028 | spIP28367RF2_BACSU | PEPTIDE CHAIN RELEASE FACTOR 2 (RF-2)... | 742 | 3.00E-157 |
| HGS028 | gil2984119 | (AE000758) peptide chain release fact... | 442 | 2.20E-128 |
| HGS028 | gnlPIDe254636 | peptide release factor 2 [Bacillus fi... | 718 | 2.90E-125 |
| HGS028 | pirS76448S76448 | translation releasing factor RF-2 - S... | 883 | 3.30E-116 |
| HGS028 | pirA64190A64190 | translation releasing factor RF-2 - H... | 444 | 1.70E-110 |
| HGS028 | gil154276 | peptide chain release factor 2 [Salmo... | 444 | 1.80E-108 |
| HGS028 | gil2687953 | (AE001120) peptide chain release fact... | 408 | 3.90E-108 |
| HGS028 | gil2367172 | (AE000372) peptide chain release fact... | 437 | 1.60E-107 |
| HGS028 | gil147569 | peptide chain release factor 2 [Esche... | 434 | 4.00E-107 |
| HGS030 | gnlPIDd1005806 | unknown [Bacillus subtilis] >gnlPIDe1... | 283 | 2.60E-64 |
| HGS030 | gil3176887 | (AF065312) thymidylate kinase [Yersinia ... | 124 | 3.00E-43 |
| HGS030 | gil2983484 | (AE000716) thymidylate kinase [Aquifex a... | 272 | 2.40E-37 |
| HGS030 | gil1244710 | thymidylate kinase [Escherichia coli] >g... | 136 | 7.20E-34 |
| HGS030 | gil2650584 | (AE001102) thymidylate kinase (tmk) [Arc... | 71 | 2.60E-30 |
| HGS030 | gil1045674 | thymidylate kinase [Mycoplasma genitaliu... | 173 | 8.20E-28 |

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| HGS030 | gil1673808 | (AE000016) Mycoplasma pneumoniae, thymid... | 171 | 1.70E-27 |
| HGS030 | gil1246364 | thymidylate:zeocin resistance protein:ND... | 136 | 2.20E-27 |
| HGS030 | gil1246361 | thymidine:thymidylate kinase:zeocin resi... | 136 | 4.30E-27 |
| HGS030 | gil950071 | ATP-bind. pyrimidine kinase [Mycoplasma ... | 80 | 8.70E-21 |
| HGS031 | gnl1PIDle1185242 | uridylate kinase [Bacillus subtilis] >pi... | 920 | 8.40E-123 |
| HGS031 | gnl1PIDid1019291 | uridine monophosphate kinase [Synechocys... | 530 | 1.70E-96 |
| HGS031 | gnl1PIDle1296663 | (AL023797) uridylate kinase [Streptomyce... | 678 | 2.10E-89 |
| HGS031 | gnl1PIDle248883 | hypothetical protein MTCY274.14c [Mycoba... | 416 | 6.00E-89 |
| HGS031 | gnl1PIDle327783 | uridylate kinase [Mycobacterium leprae] | 403 | 7.90E-86 |
| HGS031 | gil473234 | uridine 5'-monophosphate (UMP) kinase [E... | 384 | 2.10E-72 |
| HGS031 | gil1552748 | uridine 5'-monophosphate (UMP) kinase [E... | 375 | 3.60E-71 |
| HGS031 | gil1574616 | mukB suppressor protein (smbA) [Haemophi... | 409 | 3.70E-71 |
| HGS031 | gil2983290 | (AE000703) UMP kinase [Aquifex aeolicus] | 452 | 3.70E-58 |
| HGS031 | gil1518662 | UMP kinase [Chlamydia trachomatis] >splP... | 323 | 9.10E-55 |
| HGS032 | gil755152 | highly hydrophobic integral membrane pro... | 297 | 2.40E-81 |
| HGS032 | gil1235660 | RfbA [Myxococcus xanthus] >spQ50862IRFB... | 173 | 4.90E-24 |
| HGS032 | gnl1PIDid1017629 | ABC transporter [Synechocystis sp.] >pir... | 149 | 1.50E-19 |
| HGS032 | gnl1PIDid1029275 | (AB010294) integral membrane component o... | 126 | 6.40E-19 |
| HGS032 | gnl1PIDid1008332 | putative integral membrane component of ... | 125 | 9.10E-19 |
| HGS032 | gnl1PIDid1029271 | (AB010293) integral membrane component o... | 125 | 9.10E-19 |
| HGS032 | gnl1PIDid1029279 | (AB010295) integral membrane component o... | 125 | 9.10E-19 |
| HGS032 | gnl1PIDid1029264 | (AB010150) integral membrane component o... | 109 | 3.00E-15 |
| HGS032 | gil2983375 | (AE000723) ABC transporter (ABC-2 subfam... | 71 | 9.60E-13 |
| HGS032 | gil609595 | homologous to kpsM (E.coli), bexB (H.inf... | 78 | 2.60E-12 |
| HGS033 | gil755153 | ATP-binding protein [Bacillus subtilis] ... | 655 | 9.30E-94 |
| HGS033 | gil609596 | ATP-binding protein [Serratia marcescens] | 387 | 3.70E-69 |
| HGS033 | gil765059 | ABC-transporter protein [Klebsiella pneu... | 371 | 3.70E-69 |
| HGS033 | gil567183 | ATP-binding protein [Klebsiella pneumoniae] | 367 | 1.20E-67 |
| HGS033 | gil304013 | abcA [Aeromonas salmonicida] >pirA36918... | 294 | 7.20E-59 |
| HGS033 | gnl1PIDid1020415 | (AB002668) ABC transport protein [Actino... | 323 | 4.00E-57 |
| HGS033 | gil1123030 | CpxA [Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae] | 190 | 2.40E-56 |
| HGS033 | gil3135679 | (AF064070) putative ABC-2 transporter hy... | 219 | 2.10E-53 |

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| HGS033 | gil2983576 | (AE000723) ABC transporter [Aquifex aeol... | 294 | 2.10E-53 |
| HGS033 | gil1235661 | RfbB [Mycococcus xanthus] >sp Q50863 RFB... | 336 | 6.70E-53 |
| HGS034 | gil143467 | ribosomal protein S4 [Bacillus subtilis]... | 798 | 4.50E-106 |
| HGS034 | gil2314460 | (AE000633) ribosomal protein S4 (rps4) [...] | 322 | 1.50E-62 |
| HGS034 | gil2982819 | (AE000672) ribosomal protein S04 [Aquife... | 253 | 2.00E-62 |
| HGS034 | gil606231 | 30S ribosomal subunit protein S4 [Escher... | 292 | 2.40E-58 |
| HGS034 | gnlPIDle1234848 | (AJ223236) ribosomal protein S4 [Salmon... | 292 | 6.10E-58 |
| HGS034 | gil1573812 | ribosomal protein S4 (rps4) [Haemophilus... | 292 | 1.60E-57 |
| HGS034 | gil639791 | ribosomal protein S4 [Mycoplasma pneumon... | 260 | 1.90E-56 |
| HGS034 | gil1046011 | ribosomal protein S4 [Mycoplasma genital... | 245 | 2.10E-54 |
| HGS034 | gnlPIDle316061 | RpsD [Mycobacterium tuberculosis] >gnlP... | 270 | 1.40E-52 |
| HGS034 | gil144143 | ribosomal protein S4 [Buchnera aphidicol... | 255 | 2.00E-51 |
| HGS036 | gil2648781 | (AE000980) dipeptide ABC transporter, AT... | 136 | 1.90E-40 |
| HGS036 | gnlPIDle1264523 | (AL022121) putative peptide ABC transpor... | 185 | 5.50E-35 |
| HGS036 | gil143607 | sporulation protein [Bacillus subtilis] | 191 | 7.70E-34 |
| HGS036 | gnlPIDle1183166 | oligopeptide ABC transporter (ATP-bindin... | 191 | 7.70E-34 |
| HGS036 | gnlPIDle1253461 | oligopeptide transport ATP-binding prote... | 213 | 5.50E-33 |
| HGS036 | gil2313342 | (AE000544) oligopeptide ABC transporter,... | 258 | 7.60E-32 |
| HGS036 | gnlPIDid1015858 | Dipeptide transport ATP-binding protein ... | 205 | 1.10E-31 |
| HGS036 | gil47346 | AmiE protein [Streptococcus pneumoniae] ... | 202 | 7.40E-31 |
| HGS036 | gil972897 | DppD [Haemophilus influenzae] >gil157411... | 204 | 1.40E-30 |
| HGS036 | gil677943 | AppD [Bacillus subtilis] >gnlPIDle11831... | 205 | 9.70E-30 |
| HGS040 | gnlPIDle1185713 | elongation factor P [Bacillus subtilis] ... | 702 | 7.00E-91 |
| HGS040 | gil1399829 | elongation factor P [Synecococcus PCC79... | 541 | 4.90E-69 |
| HGS040 | gnlPIDid1010902 | elongation factor P [Synecocystis sp.] ... | 535 | 3.20E-68 |
| HGS040 | gil951349 | ORF1; putative [Anabaena sp.] >sp Q44247... | 505 | 3.80E-64 |
| HGS040 | gnlPIDle290977 | unknown [Mycobacterium tuberculosis] >gn... | 480 | 9.20E-61 |
| HGS040 | gnlPIDle1169516 | elongation factor P [Corynebacterium glu... | 460 | 4.80E-58 |
| HGS040 | gil2983772 | (AE000736) elongation factor P [Aquifex ...] | 435 | 1.10E-54 |
| HGS040 | gil1658506 | elongation factor P homologue; EF-P [Bac... | 203 | 7.20E-52 |
| HGS040 | gil2313266 | (AE000538) translation elongation factor... | 409 | 4.00E-51 |
| HGS040 | gil536991 | elongation factor P [Escherichia coli] >... | 362 | 9.40E-45 |

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| 168153_3 | gnlPIDid1028815 | (AB009524) Vi polysaccharide biosynthes... | 237 | 5.80E-72 |
| 168153_3 | gil147961 | wcdB; ORF3 in citation [1] [Salmonella ... | 234 | 1.80E-71 |
| 168153_3 | gil1590951 | UDP-glucose 4-epimerase (galE) [Methano... | 148 | 3.20E-60 |
| 168153_3 | pirIC69149IC69149 | conserved hypothetical protein MTH380 ... | 151 | 1.90E-50 |
| 168153_3 | gil1143204 | ORF2; Method: conceptual translation s... | 227 | 4.50E-47 |
| 168153_3 | gnlPIDie316552 | unknown [Mycobacterium tuberculosis] >g... | 109 | 4.70E-45 |
| 168153_3 | gnlPIDie1185960 | similar to NDP-sugar epimerase [Bacilli... | 155 | 1.80E-39 |
| 168153_3 | gnlPIDie1289548 | (AL023093) putative sugar dehydratase [M... | 86 | 1.80E-36 |
| 168153_3 | gnlPIDie288124 | glucose epimerase [Bacillus thuringiensis] | 95 | 2.70E-35 |
| 168153_3 | gil1591707 | capsular polysaccharide biosynthesis pr... | 85 | 1.60E-34 |
| 168153_2 | gnlPIDie1184467 | alternate gene name: yvhA [Bacillus subt... | 354 | 4.90E-45 |
| 168153_2 | gil1657652 | Cap8M [Staphylococcus aureus] | 138 | 9.00E-42 |
| 168153_2 | gil1773352 | Cap5M [Staphylococcus aureus] | 138 | 9.00E-42 |
| 168153_2 | gnlPIDie238668 | hypothetical protein [Bacillus subtilis] ... | 139 | 6.10E-39 |
| 168153_2 | gil1199573 | spsB [Shingomonas sp.] >gil1314578 gluc... | 168 | 4.40E-35 |
| 168153_2 | gnlPIDid1005318 | ORF14 [Klebsiella pneumoniae] >spIQ48460... | 260 | 5.50E-33 |
| 168153_2 | gnlPIDid1020425 | (AB002668) galactosyltransferase [Actino... | 155 | 5.60E-33 |
| 168153_2 | gnlPIDid1029082 | (AB010415) glycosyltransferase [Actinoba... | 155 | 2.00E-32 |
| 168153_2 | gnlPIDid1019174 | galactosyl-1-phosphate transferase [Syne... | 139 | 2.30E-32 |
| 168153_2 | gnlPIDie220381 | structural gene [Agrobacterium radiobacter] | 138 | 2.40E-32 |
| 168153_1 | gil1276880 | EpsG [Streptococcus thermophilus] | 141 | 3.40E-34 |
| 168153_1 | gil1276879 | EpsF [Streptococcus thermophilus] | 162 | 1.70E-29 |
| 168153_1 | gil633699 | WbcQ [Yersinia enterocolitica] >pirS512... | 134 | 9.10E-26 |
| 168153_1 | gnlPIDie238704 | hypothetical protein [Bacillus subtilis] ... | 131 | 1.90E-18 |
| 168153_1 | gil2983976 | (AE000749) capsular polysaccharide biosy... | 134 | 1.50E-15 |
| 168153_1 | gnlPIDid1005311 | ORF7 [Klebsiella pneumoniae] >spIQ484531... | 94 | 2.10E-12 |
| 168153_1 | gil633696 | WbcN [Yersinia enterocolitica] >pirS512... | 123 | 2.50E-12 |
| 168153_1 | gil755606 | unknown [Bacillus subtilis] | 144 | 5.40E-12 |
| 168153_1 | gil1146237 | 21.4% of identity to trans-acting transc... | 144 | 6.00E-12 |
| 168153_1 | gnlPIDie238664 | hypothetical protein [Bacillus subtilis] ... | 141 | 3.20E-11 |
| 168339_2 | gnlPIDie1169894 | putative repeating unit transporter ... | 234 | 5.70E-57 |
| 168339_2 | gil2209215 | (AF004325) putative oligosaccharide ... | 139 | 4.90E-37 |
| 168339_2 | gil633692 | Wzx [Yersinia enterocolitica] >pirS... | 141 | 3.00E-31 |
| 168339_2 | gil2621404 | (AE000819) O-antigen transporter [Me... | 129 | 8.90E-29 |

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| 168339_2 | gil2072448 | EpsK [Lactococcus lactis cremoris] | 199 | 4.00E-27 |
| 168339_2 | spi37746[RFBX_ECOLI | PUTATIVE O-ANTIGEN TRANSPORTER. | 140 | 2.10E-23 |
| 168339_2 | gnlPIDid1016603 | Putative O-antigen transporter. [Esc... | 140 | 2.90E-23 |
| 168339_2 | gil510252 | membrane protein [Escherichia coli] | 140 | 8.10E-23 |
| 168339_2 | gil2621427 | (AE000822) O-antigen transporter [Me... | 122 | 3.10E-20 |
| 168339_2 | gil152778 | RFBX [Shigella dysenteriae] >pirIS34... | 114 | 8.50E-19 |

If the subject sequence is shorter than the query sequence because of 5' or 3' deletions, not because of internal deletions, a manual correction must be made to the results. This is because the FASTDB program does not account for 5' and 3' truncations of the subject sequence when calculating percent identity. For subject sequences truncated at the 5' or 3' ends, relative to the query sequence, the percent identity is corrected by calculating the number of bases of the query sequence that are 5' and 3' of the subject sequence, which are not matched/aligned, as a percent of the total bases of the query sequence. Whether a nucleotide is matched/aligned is determined by results of the FASTDB sequence alignment. This percentage is then subtracted from the percent identity, calculated by the above FASTDB program using the specified parameters, to arrive at a final percent identity score. This corrected score is what is used for the purposes of the present invention. Only nucleotides outside the 5' and 3' nucleotides of the subject sequence, as displayed by the FASTDB alignment, which are not matched/aligned with the query sequence, are calculated for the purposes of manually adjusting the percent identity score.

For example, a 90 nucleotide subject sequence is aligned to a 100 nucleotide query sequence to determine percent identity. The deletions occur at the 5' end of the subject sequence and therefore, the FASTDB alignment does not show a matched/alignment of the first 10 nucleotides at 5' end. The 10 unpaired nucleotides represent 10% of the sequence (number of nucleotides at the 5' and 3' ends not matched/total number of nucleotides in the query sequence) so 10% is subtracted from the percent identity score calculated by the FASTDB program. If the remaining 90 nucleotides were perfectly matched the final percent identity would be 90%. In another example, a 90 nucleotide subject sequence is compared with a 100 nucleotide query sequence. This time the deletions are internal deletions so that there are no nucleotides on the 5' or 3' of the subject sequence which are not matched/aligned with the query. In this case the percent identity calculated by FASTDB is not manually corrected. Once again, only nucleotides 5' and 3' of the subject sequence which are not matched/aligned with the query sequence are manually corrected for. No other manual corrections are made for the purposes of the present invention.

Vectors and Host Cell

The present invention also relates to vectors which include the isolated DNA molecules of the present invention, host cells comprising the recombinant vectors, and the production of *S. aureus* polypeptides and peptides of the present invention expressed by the host cells.

Recombinant constructs may be introduced into host cells using well known techniques such as infection, transduction, transfection, transvection, electroporation and transformation. The vector may be, for example, a phage, plasmid, viral or retroviral vector. Retroviral vectors may be replication competent or replication defective. In the latter case, viral propagation generally will occur only in complementing host cells.

The polynucleotides may be joined to a vector containing a selectable marker for

propagation in a host. Generally, a plasmid vector is introduced in a precipitate, such as a calcium phosphate precipitate, or in a complex with a charged lipid. If the vector is a virus, it may be packaged *in vitro* using an appropriate packaging cell line and then transduced into host cells.

Preferred are vectors comprising *cis*-acting control regions to the polynucleotide of interest. Appropriate *trans*-acting factors may be supplied by the host, supplied by a complementing vector or supplied by the vector itself upon introduction into the host.

In certain preferred embodiments in this regard, the vectors provide for specific expression, which may be inducible and/or cell type-specific. Particularly preferred among such vectors are those inducible by environmental factors that are easy to manipulate, such as temperature and nutrient additives.

Expression vectors useful in the present invention include chromosomal-, episomal- and virus-derived vectors, *e.g.*, vectors derived from bacterial plasmids, bacteriophage, yeast episomes, yeast chromosomal elements, viruses such as baculoviruses, papova viruses, vaccinia viruses, adenoviruses, fowl pox viruses, pseudorabies viruses and retroviruses, and vectors derived from combinations thereof, such as cosmids and phagemids.

The DNA insert should be operatively linked to an appropriate promoter, such as the phage lambda PL promoter, the *E. coli lac*, *trp* and *tac* promoters, the SV40 early and late promoters and promoters of retroviral LTRs, to name a few. Other suitable promoters will be known to the skilled artisan. The expression constructs will further contain sites for transcription initiation, termination and, in the transcribed region, a ribosome binding site for translation. The coding portion of the mature transcripts expressed by the constructs will preferably include a translation initiating site at the beginning and a termination codon (UAA, UGA or UAG) appropriately positioned at the end of the polypeptide to be translated.

As indicated, the expression vectors will preferably include at least one selectable marker. Such markers include dihydrofolate reductase or neomycin resistance for eukaryotic cell culture and tetracycline, kanamycin, or ampicillin resistance genes for culturing in *E. coli* and other bacteria. Representative examples of appropriate hosts include, but are not limited to, bacterial cells, such as *E. coli*, *Streptomyces* and *Salmonella typhimurium* cells; fungal cells, such as yeast cells; insect cells such as *Drosophila* S2 and *Spodoptera* Sf9 cells; animal cells such as CHO, COS and Bowes melanoma cells; and plant cells. Appropriate culture mediums and conditions for the above-described host cells are known in the art.

Among vectors preferred for use in bacteria include pQE70, pQE60 and pQE9, pQE10 available from Qiagen; pBS vectors, Phagescript vectors, Bluescript vectors, pNH8A, pNH16a, pNH18A, pNH46A available from Stratagene; pET series of vectors available from Novagen; and pirc99a, pKK223-3, pKK233-3, pDR540, pRIT5 available from Pharmacia. Among preferred eukaryotic vectors are pWLNEO, pSV2CAT, pOG44, pXT1 and pSG available from Stratagene; and pSVK3, pBPV, pMSG and pSVL available from Pharmacia. Other suitable vectors will be readily apparent to the skilled artisan.

5 Among known bacterial promoters suitable for use in the present invention include the
E. coli lacI and lacZ promoters, the T3, T5 and T7 promoters, the gpt promoter, the lambda PR
and PL promoters and the trp promoter. Suitable eukaryotic promoters include the CMV
10 immediate early promoter, the HSV thymidine kinase promoter, the early and late SV40
5 promoters, the promoters of retroviral LTRs, such as those of the Rous sarcoma virus (RSV),
and metallothionein promoters, such as the mouse metallothionein-I promoter.

Introduction of the construct into the host cell can be effected by calcium phosphate
transfection, DEAE-dextran mediated transfection, cationic lipid-mediated transfection,
15 electroporation, transduction, infection or other methods. Such methods are described in many
10 standard laboratory manuals (for example, Davis, et al., Basic Methods In Molecular Biology
(1986)).

Transcription of DNA encoding the polypeptides of the present invention by higher
20 eukaryotes may be increased by inserting an enhancer sequence into the vector. Enhancers are
cis-acting elements of DNA, usually about from 10 to 300 nucleotides that act to increase
15 transcriptional activity of a promoter in a given host cell-type. Examples of enhancers include
the SV40 enhancer, which is located on the late side of the replication origin at nucleotides 100
25 to 270, the cytomegalovirus early promoter enhancer, the polyoma enhancer on the late side of
the replication origin, and adenovirus enhancers.

For secretion of the translated polypeptide into the lumen of the endoplasmic reticulum,
20 into the periplasmic space or into the extracellular environment, appropriate secretion signals
may be incorporated into the expressed polypeptide, for example, the amino acid sequence
30 KDEL. The signals may be endogenous to the polypeptide or they may be heterologous
signals.

The polypeptide may be expressed in a modified form, such as a fusion protein, and
35 may include not only secretion signals, but also additional heterologous functional regions.
For instance, a region of additional amino acids, particularly charged amino acids, may be
added to the N-terminus of the polypeptide to improve stability and persistence in the host cell,
during purification, or during subsequent handling and storage. Also, peptide moieties may be
40 added to the polypeptide to facilitate purification. Such regions may be removed prior to final
30 preparation of the polypeptide. The addition of peptide moieties to polypeptides to engender
secretion or excretion, to improve stability and to facilitate purification, among others, are
familiar and routine techniques in the art. A preferred fusion protein comprises a heterologous
45 region from immunoglobulin that is useful to solubilize proteins. For example, EP-A-O 464
533 (Canadian counterpart 2045869) discloses fusion proteins comprising various portions of
35 constant region of immunoglobulin molecules together with another human protein or part
thereof. In many cases, the Fc part in a fusion protein is thoroughly advantageous for use in
therapy and diagnosis and thus results, for example, in improved pharmacokinetic properties
50 (EP-A 0232 262). On the other hand, for some uses it would be desirable to be able to delete
the Fc part after the fusion protein has been expressed, detected and purified in the

5 advantageous manner described. This is the case when Fc portion proves to be a hindrance to
use in therapy and diagnosis, for example when the fusion protein is to be used as antigen for
immunizations. In drug discovery, for example, human proteins, such as, hIL-5-receptor has
10 been fused with Fc portions for the purpose of high-throughput screening assays to identify
5 antagonists of hIL-5. See Bennett, D. et al. (1995) J. Molec. Recogn. 8:52-58 and Johanson,
K. et al. (1995) J. Biol. Chem. 270 (16):9459-9471.

The *S. aureus* polypeptides can be recovered and purified from recombinant cell
cultures by well-known methods including ammonium sulfate or ethanol precipitation, acid
15 extraction, anion or cation exchange chromatography, phosphocellulose chromatography,
10 hydrophobic interaction chromatography, affinity chromatography, hydroxylapatite
chromatography, lectin chromatography and high performance liquid chromatography
("HPLC") is employed for purification. Polypeptides of the present invention include naturally
20 purified products, products of chemical synthetic procedures, and products produced by
recombinant techniques from a prokaryotic or eukaryotic host, including, for example,
15 bacterial, yeast, higher plant, insect and mammalian cells.

In addition to encompassing host cells containing the vector constructs discussed
25 herein, the invention also encompasses host cells that have been engineered to delete or replace
endogenous genetic material (e.g. coding sequences for the polypeptides of the present
invention), and/or to include genetic material (e.g. heterologous polynucleotide sequences) that
20 is operably associated with polynucleotides of the present invention, and which activates,
30 alters, and/or amplifies endogenous polynucleotides of the present invention. For example,
techniques known in the art may be used to operably associate heterologous control regions
(e.g. promoter and/or enhancer) and endogenous polynucleotide sequences via homologous
recombination (see, e.g. U.S. Patent No. 5,641,670, issued June 24, 1997; International
35 Publication No. WO 96/29411, published September 26, 1996; International Publication No.
WO 94/12650, published August 4, 1994; Koller et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 86:8932-
8935 (1989); and Zijlstra, et al., Nature 342:435-438 (1989), the disclosures of each of which
are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties).

40 ***Polypeptides and Fragments***

The invention further provides an isolated *S. aureus* polypeptide having an amino acid
sequence in Table 1, or a peptide or polypeptide comprising a portion of the above
45 polypeptides.

35 ***Variant and Mutant Polypeptides***

To improve or alter the characteristics of *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present
invention, protein engineering may be employed. Recombinant DNA technology known to
50 those skilled in the art can be used to create novel mutant proteins or muteins including single
or multiple amino acid substitutions, deletions, additions, or fusion proteins. Such modified

polypeptides can show, e.g., increased/decreased activity or increased/decreased stability. In addition, they may be purified in higher yields and show better solubility than the corresponding natural polypeptide, at least under certain purification and storage conditions. Further, the polypeptides of the present invention may be produced as multimers including dimers, trimers and tetramers. Multimerization may be facilitated by linkers or recombinantly through heterologous polypeptides such as Fc regions.

N-Terminal and C-Terminal Deletion Mutants

It is known in the art that one or more amino acids may be deleted from the N-terminus or C-terminus without substantial loss of biological function. For instance, Ron et al. J. Biol. Chem., 268:2984-2988 (1993), reported modified KGF proteins that had heparin binding activity even if 3, 8, or 27 N-terminal amino acid residues were missing. Accordingly, the present invention provides polypeptides having one or more residues deleted from the amino terminus of the polypeptides shown in Table 1.

Similarly, many examples of biologically functional C-terminal deletion mutants are known. For instance, Interferon gamma shows up to ten times higher activities by deleting 8-10 amino acid residues from the carboxy terminus of the protein *See, e.g.,* Dobeli, et al. (1988) J. Biotechnology 7:199-216. Accordingly, the present invention provides polypeptides having one or more residues from the carboxy terminus of the polypeptides shown in Table 1. The invention also provides polypeptides having one or more amino acids deleted from both the amino and the carboxyl termini as described below.

The present invention is further directed to polynucleotide encoding portions or fragments of the amino acid sequences described herein as well as to portions or fragments of the isolated amino acid sequences described herein. Fragments include portions of the amino acid sequences of Table 1, at least 7 contiguous amino acid in length, selected from any two integers, one of which representing a N-terminal position. The first codon of the polypeptides of Table 1 is position 1. Every combination of a N-terminal and C-terminal position that a fragment at least 7 contiguous amino acid residues in length could occupy, on any given amino acid sequence of Table 1 is included in the invention. At least means a fragment may be 7 contiguous amino acid residues in length or any integer between 7 and the number of residues in a full length amino acid sequence minus 1. Therefore, included in the invention are contiguous fragments specified by any N-terminal and C-terminal positions of amino acid sequence set forth in Table 1 wherein the contiguous fragment is any integer between 7 and the number of residues in a full length sequence minus 1.

Further, the invention includes polypeptides comprising fragments specified by size, in amino acid residues, rather than by N-terminal and C-terminal positions. The invention includes any fragment size, in contiguous amino acid residues, selected from integers between 7 and the number of residues in a full length sequence minus 1. Preferred sizes of contiguous polypeptide fragments include about 7 amino acid residues, about 10 amino acid residues,

5 about 20 amino acid residues, about 30 amino acid residues, about 40 amino acid residues,
about 50 amino acid residues, about 100 amino acid residues, about 200 amino acid residues,
about 300 amino acid residues, and about 400 amino acid residues. The preferred sizes are, of
course, meant to exemplify, not limit, the present invention as all size fragments representing
10 any integer between 7 and the number of residues in a full length sequence minus 1 are
included in the invention. The present invention also provides for the exclusion of any
fragments specified by N-terminal and C-terminal positions or by size in amino acid residues as
described above. Any number of fragments specified by N-terminal and C-terminal positions
15 or by size in amino acid residues as described above may be excluded.

20 The polypeptide fragments of the present invention can be immediately envisaged using
the above description and are therefore not individually listed solely for the purpose of not
unnecessarily lengthening the specification.

25 The above fragments need not be active since they would be useful, for example, in
immunoassays, in epitope mapping, epitope tagging, to generate antibodies to a particular
15 portion of the polypeptide, as vaccines, and as molecular weight markers.

25 *Other Mutants*

In addition to N- and C-terminal deletion forms of the protein discussed above, it also
will be recognized by one of ordinary skill in the art that some amino acid sequences of the *S.*
20 *aureus* polypeptides of the present invention can be varied without significant effect of the
structure or function of the protein. If such differences in sequence are contemplated, it should
30 be remembered that there will be critical areas on the protein which determine activity.

Thus, the invention further includes variations of the *S. aureus* polypeptides which
show substantial *S. aureus* polypeptide activity or which include regions of *S. aureus* protein
25 such as the protein portions discussed below. Such mutants include deletions, insertions,
inversions, repeats, and substitutions selected according to general rules known in the art so as
35 to have little effect on activity. For example, guidance concerning how to make phenotypically
silent amino acid substitutions is provided. There are two main approaches for studying the
tolerance of an amino acid sequence to change. See, Bowic, J. U. *et al.* (1990), Science
40 247:1306-1310. The first method relies on the process of evolution, in which mutations are
either accepted or rejected by natural selection. The second approach uses genetic engineering
30 to introduce amino acid changes at specific positions of a cloned gene and selections or screens
to identify sequences that maintain functionality.

45 These studies have revealed that proteins are surprisingly tolerant of amino acid
substitutions. The studies indicate which amino acid changes are likely to be permissive at a
35 certain position of the protein. For example, most buried amino acid residues require nonpolar
side chains, whereas few features of surface side chains are generally conserved. Other such
phenotypically silent substitutions are described by Bowie *et al.* (*supra*) and the references cited
50 therein. Typically seen as conservative substitutions are the replacements, one for another.

among the aliphatic amino acids Ala, Val, Leu and Ile; interchange of the hydroxyl residues Ser and Thr, exchange of the acidic residues Asp and Glu, substitution between the amide residues Asn and Gln, exchange of the basic residues Lys and Arg and replacements among the aromatic residues Phe, Tyr.

Thus, the fragment, derivative, analog, or homolog of the polypeptide of Table 1 may be, for example: (i) one in which one or more of the amino acid residues are substituted with a conserved or non-conserved amino acid residue (preferably a conserved amino acid residue) and such substituted amino acid residue may or may not be one encoded by the genetic code; or (ii) one in which one or more of the amino acid residues includes a substituent group; or (iii) one in which the *S. aureus* polypeptide is fused with another compound, such as a compound to increase the half-life of the polypeptide (for example, polyethylene glycol); or (iv) one in which the additional amino acids are fused to the above form of the polypeptide, such as an IgG Fc fusion region peptide or leader or secretory sequence or a sequence which is employed for purification of the above form of the polypeptide or a proprotein sequence. Such fragments, derivatives and analogs are deemed to be within the scope of those skilled in the art from the teachings herein.

Thus, the *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention may include one or more amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions, either from natural mutations or human manipulation. As indicated, changes are preferably of a minor nature, such as conservative amino acid substitutions that do not significantly affect the folding or activity of the protein (see Table 3).

TABLE 3. Conservative Amino Acid Substitutions.

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| Aromatic | Phenylalanine Tryptophan Tyrosine |
| Hydrophobic | Leucine Isoleucine Valine |
| Polar | Glutamine Asparagine |
| Basic | Arginine Lysine Histidine |
| Acidic | Aspartic Acid Glutamic Acid |
| Small | Alanine Serine Threonine Methionine Glycine |

Amino acids in the *S. aureus* proteins of the present invention that are essential for function can be identified by methods known in the art, such as site-directed mutagenesis or alanine-scanning mutagenesis. See, e.g., Cunningham et al. (1989) Science 244:1081-1085.

The latter procedure introduces single alanine mutations at every residue in the molecule. The resulting mutant molecules are then tested for biological activity using assays appropriate for measuring the function of the particular protein.

Of special interest are substitutions of charged amino acids with other charged or neutral amino acids which may produce proteins with highly desirable improved characteristics, such as less aggregation. Aggregation may not only reduce activity but also be problematic when preparing pharmaceutical formulations, because aggregates can be immunogenic. See, e.g., Pinckard et al., (1967) Clin. Exp. Immunol. 2:331-340; Robbins, et al., (1987) Diabetes 36:838-845; Cleland, et al., (1993) Crit. Rev. Therapeutic Drug Carrier Systems 10:307-377.

The polypeptides of the present invention are preferably provided in an isolated form, and may partially or substantially purified. A recombinantly produced version of the *S. aureus* polypeptide can be substantially purified by the one-step method described by Smith et al. (1988) Gene 67:31-40. Polypeptides of the invention also can be purified from natural or recombinant sources using antibodies directed against the polypeptides of the invention in methods which are well known in the art of protein purification. The purity of the polypeptide of the present invention may also specified in percent purity as relative to heterologous containing polypeptides. Preferred purities include at least 25%, 50%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 91%, 92%, 93%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99%, 99.5%, 99.75%, and 100% pure, as relative to heretologous containing polypeptides.

The invention provides for isolated *S. aureus* polypeptides comprising an the amino acid sequence of a full-length *S. aureus* polypeptide having the complete amino acid sequence shown in Table I and the amino acid sequence of a full-length *S. aureus* polypeptide having the complete amino acid sequence shown in Table I excepting the N-terminal methionine. The polypeptides of the present invention also include polypeptides having an amino acid sequence at least 80% identical, more preferably at least 90% identical, and still more preferably 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to those described in (a), (b), (c), and (d) above. Further polypeptides of the present invention include polypeptides which have at least 90% similarity, more preferably at least 95% similarity, and still more preferably at least 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% similarity to those described above.

A further embodiment of the invention relates to a polypeptide which comprises the amino acid sequence of a *S. aureus* polypeptide having an amino acid sequence which contains at least one conservative amino acid substitution, but not more than 50 conservative amino acid substitutions, not more than 40 conservative amino acid substitutions, not more than 30 conservative amino acid substitutions, and not more than 20 conservative amino acid

5 substitutions. Also provided are polypeptides which comprise the amino acid sequence of a *S. aureus* polypeptide, having at least one, but not more than 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 conservative amino acid substitutions.

10 By a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least, for example, 95% "identical" to a query amino acid sequence of the present invention, it is intended that the amino acid sequence of the subject polypeptide is identical to the query sequence except that the subject polypeptide sequence may include up to five amino acid alterations per each 100 amino acids of the query amino acid sequence. In other words, to obtain a polypeptide having an amino acid
15 sequence at least 95% identical to a query amino acid sequence, up to 5% (5 of 100) of the amino acid residues in the subject sequence may be inserted, deleted, (indels) or substituted with another amino acid. These alterations of the reference sequence may occur at the amino or carboxy terminal positions of the reference amino acid sequence or anywhere between those terminal positions, interspersed either individually among residues in the reference sequence or in one or more contiguous groups within the reference sequence.

20 As a practical matter, whether any particular polypeptide is at least 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identical to, for instance, the amino acid sequences shown in Table 1 can be determined conventionally using known computer programs. A preferred method for determining the best overall match between a query sequence (a sequence of the present invention) and a subject sequence, also referred to as a global sequence alignment, can be
25 determined using the FASTDB computer program based on the algorithm of Brutlag et al., (1990) Comp. App. Biosci. 6:237-245. In a sequence alignment the query and subject sequences are both amino acid sequences. The result of said global sequence alignment is in percent identity. Preferred parameters used in a FASTDB amino acid alignment are: Matrix=PAM 0, k-tuple=2, Mismatch Penalty=1, Joining Penalty=20, Randomization Group
30 Length=0, Cutoff Score=1, Window Size=sequence length, Gap Penalty=5, Gap Size Penalty=0.05, Window Size=500 or the length of the subject amino acid sequence, whichever is shorter.

35 If the subject sequence is shorter than the query sequence due to N- or C-terminal deletions, not because of internal deletions, the results, in percent identity, must be manually corrected. This is because the FASTDB program does not account for N- and C-terminal truncations of the subject sequence when calculating global percent identity. For subject sequences truncated at the N- and C-termini, relative to the query sequence, the percent identity is corrected by calculating the number of residues of the query sequence that are N- and C-terminal of the subject sequence, which are not matched/aligned with a corresponding subject
40 residue, as a percent of the total bases of the query sequence. Whether a residue is matched/aligned is determined by results of the FASTDB sequence alignment. This percentage is then subtracted from the percent identity, calculated by the above FASTDB program using the specified parameters, to arrive at a final percent identity score. This final percent identity score is what is used for the purposes of the present invention. Only residues to the N- and C-
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termini of the subject sequence, which are not matched/aligned with the query sequence, are considered for the purposes of manually adjusting the percent identity score. That is, only query amino acid residues outside the farthest N- and C-terminal residues of the subject sequence.

For example, a 90 amino acid residue subject sequence is aligned with a 100 residue query sequence to determine percent identity. The deletion occurs at the N-terminus of the subject sequence and therefore, the FASTDB alignment does not match/align with the first 10 residues at the N-terminus. The 10 unpaired residues represent 10% of the sequence (number of residues at the N- and C- termini not matched/total number of residues in the query sequence) so 10% is subtracted from the percent identity score calculated by the FASTDB program. If the remaining 90 residues were perfectly matched the final percent identity would be 90%. In another example, a 90 residue subject sequence is compared with a 100 residue query sequence. This time the deletions are internal so there are no residues at the N- or C-termini of the subject sequence which are not matched/aligned with the query. In this case the percent identity calculated by FASTDB is not manually corrected. Once again, only residue positions outside the N- and C-terminal ends of the subject sequence, as displayed in the FASTDB alignment, which are not matched/aligned with the query sequence are manually corrected. No other manual corrections are to be made for the purposes of the present invention.

The above polypeptide sequences are included irrespective of whether they have their normal biological activity. This is because even where a particular polypeptide molecule does not have biological activity, one of skill in the art would still know how to use the polypeptide, for instance, as a vaccine or to generate antibodies. Other uses of the polypeptides of the present invention that do not have *S. aureus* activity include, *inter alia*, as epitope tags, in epitope mapping, and as molecular weight markers on SDS-PAGE gels or on molecular sieve gel filtration columns using methods known to those of skill in the art.

As described below, the polypeptides of the present invention can also be used to raise polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies, which are useful in assays for detecting *S. aureus* protein expression or as agonists and antagonists capable of enhancing or inhibiting *S. aureus* protein function. Further, such polypeptides can be used in the yeast two-hybrid system to "capture" *S. aureus* protein binding proteins which are also candidate agonists and antagonists according to the present invention. See, e.g., Fields et al. (1989) Nature 340:245-246.

Epitope-Bearing Portions

In another aspect, the invention provides peptides and polypeptides comprising epitope-bearing portions of the polypeptides of the present invention. These epitopes are immunogenic or antigenic epitopes of the polypeptides of the present invention. An "immunogenic epitope" is defined as a part of a protein that elicits an antibody response when the whole protein or polypeptide is the immunogen. On the other hand, a region of a protein molecule to which an antibody can bind is defined as an "antigenic determinant" or "antigenic

epitope." The number of immunogenic epitopes of a protein generally is less than the number of antigenic epitopes. *See, e.g.,* Geysen, et al. (1983) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:3998-4002. Predicted antigenic epitopes are shown in Table 4, below. It is pointed out that Table 4 only lists amino acid residues comprising epitopes predicted to have the highest degree of antigenicity by particular algorithm. The polypeptides not listed in Table 4 and portions of polypeptides not listed in Table 4 are not considered non-antigenic. This is because they may still be antigenic *in vivo* but merely not recognized as such by the particular algorithm used. Thus, Table 4 lists the amino acid residues comprising only preferred antigenic epitopes, not a complete list. In fact, all fragments of the polypeptide sequence of Table 1, at least 7 amino acids residues in length, are included in the present invention as being useful in epitope mapping and in making antibodies to particular portions of the polypeptides. Moreover, Table 4 lists only the critical residues of the epitopes determined by the Jameson-Wolf analysis. Thus, additional flanking residues on either the N-terminal, C-terminal, or both N- and C-terminal ends may be added to the sequences of Table 4 to generate a epitope-bearing portion at least 7 residues in length. Amino acid residues comprising other antigenic epitopes may be determined by algorithms similar to the Jameson-Wolf analysis or by *in vivo* testing for an antigenic response using the methods described herein or those known in the art.

TABLE 4. Residues Comprising Antigenic Epitopes

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| HGS001 | from about Asp-47 to about Asp-50, from about Ser-128 to about Asp-130, from about Lys-265 to about Gly-267. |
| HGS005 | from about Arg-104 to about Asp-106, from about Lys-116 to about Lys-120. |
| HGS007m | from about Glu-155 to about Gly-158, from about Gln-178 to about Gly-181, from about Ser-304 to about Cys-306, from about Asp-401 to about Tyr-403, from about Asn-405 to about Gly-408, from about Asp-411 to about Gly-416. |
| HGS009 | from about Pro-257 to about Lys-259. |
| HGS014 | from about Arg-186 to about Asp-188. |
| HGS019 | from about Lys-98 to about Gly-100, from about Pro-187 to about Asp-189. |
| HGS023 | from about Ser-251 to about Gly-253, from about Lys-437 to about Lys-440. |
| HGS025 | from about Met-51 to about Gly-53. |
| HGS026 | from about Asn-105 to about Lys-108, from about Glu-190 to about Gly-193, from about Arg-226 to about Ala-230. |
| HGS028 | from about Ile-10 to about Tyr-13. |
| HGS030 | from about Glu-11 to about Gly-14, from about Arg-147 to about Gln-149. |
| HGS033 | from about Lys-143 to about Ser-145. |
| HGS034 | from about Pro-33 to about Gln-35. |
| HGS036 | from about Asp-64 to about Tyr-66, from about Asp-255 to about Tyr-257. |
| HGS040 | from about Pro-30 to about Lys-32, from about Asp-76 to about Asp-78. |
| 168153_3 | from about Asn-35 to about Arg-37, from about Pro-135 to about Asp-138, from about Pro-185 to about Gln-188. |
| 168153_2 | from about Asp-54 to about Arg-56. |
| 168153_1 | from about Lys-64 to about Asp-67, from about Gln-319 to about Lys-322, from about Asn-342 to about Lys-344. |
| 168339_2 | from about Asn-82 to about Arg-85. |

As to the selection of peptides or polypeptides bearing an antigenic epitope (*i.e.*, that contain a region of a protein molecule to which an antibody can bind), it is well known in that art that relatively short synthetic peptides that mimic part of a protein sequence are routinely capable of eliciting an antiserum that reacts with the partially mimicked protein. *See, e.g.*, Sutcliffe, et al., (1983) Science 219:660-666. Peptides capable of eliciting protein-reactive sera are frequently represented in the primary sequence of a protein, can be characterized by a set of simple chemical rules, and are confined neither to immunodominant regions of intact proteins (*i.e.*, immunogenic epitopes) nor to the amino or carboxyl terminals. Peptides that are extremely hydrophobic and those of six or fewer residues generally are ineffective at inducing antibodies that bind to the mimicked protein; longer, peptides, especially those containing proline residues, usually are effective. *See*, Sutcliffe, et al., *supra*, p. 661. For instance, 18 of 20 peptides designed according to these guidelines, containing 8-39 residues covering 75% of the sequence of the influenza virus hemagglutinin HA1 polypeptide chain, induced antibodies that reacted with the HA1 protein or intact virus; and 12/12 peptides from the MuLV polymerase and 18/18 from the rabies glycoprotein induced antibodies that precipitated the respective proteins.

Antigenic epitope-bearing peptides and polypeptides of the invention are therefore useful to raise antibodies, including monoclonal antibodies, that bind specifically to a polypeptide of the invention. Thus, a high proportion of hybridomas obtained by fusion of spleen cells from donors immunized with an antigen epitope-bearing peptide generally secrete antibody reactive with the native protein. *See* Sutcliffe, et al., *supra*, p. 663. The antibodies raised by antigenic epitope-bearing peptides or polypeptides are useful to detect the mimicked protein, and antibodies to different peptides may be used for tracking the fate of various regions of a protein precursor which undergoes post-translational processing. The peptides and anti-peptide antibodies may be used in a variety of qualitative or quantitative assays for the mimicked protein, for instance in competition assays since it has been shown that even short peptides (*e.g.*, about 9 amino acids) can bind and displace the larger peptides in immunoprecipitation assays. *See, e.g.*, Wilson, et al., (1984) Cell 37:767-778. The anti-peptide antibodies of the invention also are useful for purification of the mimicked protein, for instance, by adsorption chromatography using methods known in the art.

Antigenic epitope-bearing peptides and polypeptides of the invention designed according to the above guidelines preferably contain a sequence of at least seven, more preferably at least nine and most preferably between about 10 to about 50 amino acids (*i.e.* any integer between 7 and 50) contained within the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide of the invention. However, peptides or polypeptides comprising a larger portion of an amino acid sequence of a polypeptide of the invention, containing about 50 to about 100 amino acids, or any length up to and including the entire amino acid sequence of a polypeptide of the invention, also are considered epitope-bearing peptides or polypeptides of the invention and also are

5 useful for inducing antibodies that react with the mimicked protein. Preferably, the amino acid
sequence of the epitope-bearing peptide is selected to provide substantial solubility in aqueous
solvents (*i.e.*, the sequence includes relatively hydrophilic residues and highly hydrophobic
10 sequences are preferably avoided); and sequences containing proline residues are particularly
5 preferred.

Non-limiting examples of antigenic polypeptides or peptides that can be used to
generate an Staphylococcal-specific immune response or antibodies include fragments of the
amino acid sequences of Table 1 as discussed above. Table 4 discloses a list of non-limiting
15 residues that are involved in the antigenicity of the epitope-bearing fragments of the present
invention. Therefore, also included in the present inventions are isolated and purified antigenic
10 epitope-bearing fragments of the polypeptides of the present invention comprising a peptide
sequences of Table 4. The antigenic epitope-bearing fragments comprising a peptide sequence
of Table 4 preferably contain between 7 to 50 amino acids (*i.e.* any integer between 7 and 50)
20 of a polypeptide of the present invention. Also, included in the present invention are antigenic
polypeptides between the integers of 7 and the full length sequence of a polypeptide of Table 1
comprising 1 or more amino acid sequences of Table 4. Therefore, in most cases, the
25 polypeptides of Table 4 make up only a portion of the antigenic polypeptide. All combinations
of sequences between the integers of 7 and the full sequence of a polypeptide sequence of
Table 1 are included. The antigenic epitope-bearing fragments may be specified by either the
20 number of contiguous amino acid residues or by specific N-terminal and C-terminal positions
as described above for the polypeptide fragments of the present invention, wherein the first
codon of each polypeptide sequence of Table 1 is position 1. Any number of the described
antigenic epitope-bearing fragments of the present invention may also be excluded from the
present invention in the same manner.

35 The epitope-bearing peptides and polypeptides of the invention may be produced by
any conventional means for making peptides or polypeptides including recombinant means
using nucleic acid molecules of the invention. For instance, an epitope-bearing amino acid
sequence of the present invention may be fused to a larger polypeptide which acts as a carrier
40 during recombinant production and purification, as well as during immunization to produce
anti-peptide antibodies. Epitope-bearing peptides also may be synthesized using known
30 methods of chemical synthesis. For instance, Houghten has described a simple method for
synthesis of large numbers of peptides, such as 10-20 mg of 248 different 13 residue peptides
representing single amino acid variants of a segment of the HA1 polypeptide which were
45 prepared and characterized (by ELISA-type binding studies) in less than four weeks
(Houghten, R. A. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82:5131-5135 (1985)). This "Simultaneous
35 Multiple Peptide Synthesis (SMPS)" process is further described in U.S. Patent No.
4,631,211 to Houghten and coworkers (1986). In this procedure the individual resins for the
50 solid-phase synthesis of various peptides are contained in separate solvent-permeable packets,
enabling the optimal use of the many identical repetitive steps involved in solid-phase methods.

5 A completely manual procedure allows 500-1000 or more syntheses to be conducted simultaneously (Houghten et al. (1985) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 82:5131-5135 at 5134.

Epitope-bearing peptides and polypeptides of the invention are used to induce antibodies according to methods well known in the art. See, e.g., Sutcliffe, et al., *supra*;
10 5 Wilson, et al., *supra*; and Bittle, et al. (1985) J. Gen. Virol. 66:2347-2354. Generally, animals may be immunized with free peptide; however, anti-peptide antibody titer may be boosted by coupling of the peptide to a macromolecular carrier, such as keyhole limpet hemacyanin (KLH) or tetanus toxoid. For instance, peptides containing cysteine may be
15 coupled to carrier using a linker such as m-maleimidobenzoyl-N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (MBS), while other peptides may be coupled to carrier using a more general linking agent such as glutaraldehyde. Animals such as rabbits, rats and mice are immunized with either free or carrier-coupled peptides, for instance, by intraperitoneal and/or intradermal injection of emulsions containing about 100 µg peptide or carrier protein and Freund's adjuvant. Several
20 booster injections may be needed, for instance, at intervals of about two weeks, to provide a useful titer of anti-peptide antibody which can be detected, for example, by ELISA assay using free peptide adsorbed to a solid surface. The titer of anti-peptide antibodies in serum from an immunized animal may be increased by selection of anti-peptide antibodies, for instance, by
25 adsorption to the peptide on a solid support and elution of the selected antibodies according to methods well known in the art.

Immunogenic epitope-bearing peptides of the invention, i.e., those parts of a protein that elicit an antibody response when the whole protein is the immunogen, are identified according to methods known in the art. For instance, Geysen, *et al.*, *supra*, discloses a procedure for rapid concurrent synthesis on solid supports of hundreds of peptides of sufficient purity to react in an ELISA. Interaction of synthesized peptides with antibodies is
30 then easily detected without removing them from the support. In this manner a peptide bearing an immunogenic epitope of a desired protein may be identified routinely by one of ordinary skill in the art. For instance, the immunologically important epitope in the coat protein of foot-and-mouth disease virus was located by Geysen *et al.* *supra* with a resolution of seven amino acids by synthesis of an overlapping set of all 208 possible hexapeptides covering the
40 entire 213 amino acid sequence of the protein. Then, a complete replacement set of peptides in which all 20 amino acids were substituted in turn at every position within the epitope were synthesized, and the particular amino acids conferring specificity for the reaction with antibody were determined. Thus, peptide analogs of the epitope-bearing peptides of the invention can be made routinely by this method. U.S. Patent No. 4,708,781 to Geysen (1987) further
45 describes this method of identifying a peptide bearing an immunogenic epitope of a desired protein.

Further still, U.S. Patent No. 5,194,392, to Geysen (1990), describes a general
50 method of detecting or determining the sequence of monomers (amino acids or other compounds) which is a topological equivalent of the epitope (i.e., a "mimotope") which is

complementary to a particular paratope (antigen binding site) of an antibody of interest. More generally, U.S. Patent No. 4,433,092, also to Geysen (1989), describes a method of detecting or determining a sequence of monomers which is a topographical equivalent of a ligand which is complementary to the ligand binding site of a particular receptor of interest. Similarly, U.S. Patent No. 5,480,971 to Houghten, R. A. *et al.* (1996) discloses linear C₁-C₇-alkyl peralkylated oligopeptides and sets and libraries of such peptides, as well as methods for using such oligopeptide sets and libraries for determining the sequence of a peralkylated oligopeptide that preferentially binds to an acceptor molecule of interest. Thus, non-peptide analogs of the epitope-bearing peptides of the invention also can be made routinely by these methods. The entire disclosure of each document cited in this section on "Polypeptides and Fragments" is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

As one of skill in the art will appreciate, the polypeptides of the present invention and the epitope-bearing fragments thereof described above can be combined with parts of the constant domain of immunoglobulins (IgG), resulting in chimeric polypeptides. These fusion proteins facilitate purification and show an increased half-life *in vivo*. This has been shown, *e.g.*, for chimeric proteins consisting of the first two domains of the human CD4-polypeptide and various domains of the constant regions of the heavy or light chains of mammalian immunoglobulins. (EPA 0,394,827; Traunecker *et al.* (1988) *Nature* 331:84-86. Fusion proteins that have a disulfide-linked dimeric structure due to the IgG part can also be more efficient in binding and neutralizing other molecules than a monomeric *S. aureus* polypeptide or fragment thereof alone. *See* Fountoulakis *et al.* (1995) *J. Biochem.* 270:3958-3964. Nucleic acids encoding the above epitopes of *S. aureus* polypeptides can also be recombined with a gene of interest as an epitope tag to aid in detection and purification of the expressed polypeptide.

Antibodies

S. aureus polypeptide-specific antibodies for use in the present invention can be raised against the intact polypeptides of the present invention or an antigenic polypeptide fragment thereof, which may be presented together with a carrier protein, such as an albumin, to an animal system (such as rabbit or mouse) or, if it is long enough, without a carrier.

As used herein, the term "antibody" (Ab) or "monoclonal antibody" (Mab) is meant to include intact molecules, single chain whole antibodies, and antibody fragments. Antibody fragments of the present invention include Fab and F(ab')₂ and other fragments including single-chain Fvs (scFv) and disulfide-linked Fvs (sdFv). Also included in the present invention are chimeric and humanized monoclonal antibodies and polyclonal antibodies specific for the polypeptides of the present invention. The antibodies of the present invention may be prepared by any of a variety of methods. For example, cells expressing a polypeptide of the present invention or an antigenic fragment thereof can be administered to an animal in order to induce the production of sera containing polyclonal antibodies. For example, a preparation of a

5 polypeptide of the present invention or fragment thereof is prepared and purified to render it substantially free of natural contaminants. Such a preparation is then introduced into an animal in order to produce polyclonal antisera of greater specific activity.

10 In a preferred method, the antibodies of the present invention are monoclonal antibodies or binding fragments thereof. Such monoclonal antibodies can be prepared using hybridoma technology. See, e.g., Harlow et al., ANTIBODIES: A LABORATORY MANUAL, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988); Hammerling, et al., in: MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AND T-CELL HYBRIDOMAS 563-681 (Elsevier, N.Y., 1981). Fab and F(ab')₂ fragments may be produced by proteolytic cleavage, using enzymes such as papain (to produce Fab fragments) or pepsin (to produce F(ab')₂ fragments). Alternatively, *S. aureus* polypeptide-binding fragments, chimeric, and humanized antibodies can be produced through the application of recombinant DNA technology or through synthetic chemistry using methods known in the art.

15 Alternatively, additional antibodies capable of binding to the polypeptide antigen of the present invention may be produced in a two-step procedure through the use of anti-idiotypic antibodies. Such a method makes use of the fact that antibodies are themselves antigens, and that, therefore, it is possible to obtain an antibody which binds to a second antibody. In accordance with this method, *S. aureus* polypeptide-specific antibodies are used to immunize an animal, preferably a mouse. The splenocytes of such an animal are then used to produce hybridoma cells, and the hybridoma cells are screened to identify clones which produce an antibody whose ability to bind to the *S. aureus* polypeptide-specific antibody can be blocked by the *S. aureus* polypeptide antigen. Such antibodies comprise anti-idiotypic antibodies to the *S. aureus* polypeptide-specific antibody and can be used to immunize an animal to induce formation of further *S. aureus* polypeptide-specific antibodies.

25 Antibodies and fragments thereof of the present invention may be described by the portion of a polypeptide of the present invention recognized or specifically bound by the antibody. Antibody binding fragments of a polypeptide of the present invention may be described or specified in the same manner as for polypeptide fragments discussed above, i.e., by N-terminal and C-terminal positions or by size in contiguous amino acid residues. Any number of antibody binding fragments, of a polypeptide of the present invention, specified by N-terminal and C-terminal positions or by size in amino acid residues, as described above, may also be excluded from the present invention. Therefore, the present invention includes antibodies that specifically bind a particularly described fragment of a polypeptide of the present invention and allows for the exclusion of the same.

35 Antibodies and fragments thereof of the present invention may also be described or specified in terms of their cross-reactivity. Antibodies and fragments that do not bind polypeptides of any other species of *Staphylococcus* other than *S. aureus* or that only bind a particular strain of *S. aureus* are included in the present invention. Likewise, antibodies and fragments that bind only species of *Staphylococcus*, i.e. antibodies and fragments that do not

bind bacteria from any genus other than *Staphylococcus*, are included in the present invention.

Antibodies and fragments thereof of the present invention may also be described or specified in terms of their binding affinity. Preferred binding affinities include 10^{-7} M, 10^{-8} M, 10^{-9} M, 10^{-10} M, 10^{-11} M, 10^{-12} M and 10^{-13} M.

Diagnostic Assays

The present invention further relates to methods for assaying staphylococcal infection in an animal by detecting the expression of genes encoding staphylococcal polypeptides of the present invention. The methods comprise analyzing tissue or body fluid from the animal for *Staphylococcus*-specific antibodies, nucleic acids, or proteins. Analysis of nucleic acid specific to *Staphylococcus* is assayed by PCR or hybridization techniques using nucleic acid sequences of the present invention as either hybridization probes or primers. See, e.g., Sambrook et al. Molecular cloning: A Laboratory Manual (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed., 1989, page 54 reference); Ereemeeva et al. (1994) J. Clin. Microbiol. 32:803-810 (describing differentiation among spotted fever group *Rickettsiae* species by analysis of restriction fragment length polymorphism of PCR-amplified DNA) and Chen et al. 1994 J. Clin. Microbiol. 32:589-595 (detecting bacterial nucleic acids via PCR).

Where diagnosis of a disease state related to infection with *Staphylococcus* has already been made, the present invention is useful for monitoring progression or regression of the disease state by measuring the amount of *Staphylococcus* cells present in a patient or whereby patients exhibiting enhanced *Staphylococcus* gene expression will experience a worse clinical outcome relative to patients expressing these gene(s) at a lower level.

By "biological sample" is intended any biological sample obtained from an animal, cell line, tissue culture, or other source which contains *Staphylococcus* polypeptide, mRNA, or DNA. Biological samples include body fluids (such as saliva, blood, plasma, urine, mucus, synovial fluid, etc.) tissues (such as muscle, skin, and cartilage) and any other biological source suspected of containing *Staphylococcus* polypeptides or nucleic acids. Methods for obtaining biological samples such as tissue are well known in the art.

The present invention is useful for detecting diseases related to *Staphylococcus* infections in animals. Preferred animals include monkeys, apes, cats, dogs, birds, cows, pigs, mice, horses, rabbits and humans. Particularly preferred are humans.

Total RNA can be isolated from a biological sample using any suitable technique such as the single-step guanidinium-thiocyanate-phenol-chloroform method described in Chomczynski et al. (1987) Anal. Biochem. 162:156-159. mRNA encoding *Staphylococcus* polypeptides having sufficient homology to the nucleic acid sequences identified in Table 1 to allow for hybridization between complementary sequences are then assayed using any appropriate method. These include Northern blot analysis, S1 nuclease mapping, the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), reverse transcription in combination with the polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), and reverse transcription in combination with the ligase chain

5 reaction (RT-LCR).

Northern blot analysis can be performed as described in Harada et al. (1990) Cell 63:303-312. Briefly, total RNA is prepared from a biological sample as described above. For the Northern blot, the RNA is denatured in an appropriate buffer (such as glyoxal/dimethyl
10 5 sulfoxide/sodium phosphate buffer), subjected to agarose gel electrophoresis, and transferred onto a nitrocellulose filter. After the RNAs have been linked to the filter by a UV linker, the filter is prehybridized in a solution containing formamide, SSC, Denhardt's solution, denatured salmon sperm, SDS, and sodium phosphate buffer. A *S. aureus* polynucleotide sequence shown in Table 1 labeled according to any appropriate method (such as the ³²P-multiprimed
15 DNA labeling system (Amersham)) is used as probe. After hybridization overnight, the filter is washed and exposed to x-ray film. DNA for use as probe according to the present invention is described in the sections above and will preferably at least 15 nucleotides in length.

S1 mapping can be performed as described in Fujita et al. (1987) Cell 49:357-367. To prepare probe DNA for use in S1 mapping, the sense strand of an above-described *S. aureus*
20 DNA sequence of the present invention is used as a template to synthesize labeled antisense DNA. The antisense DNA can then be digested using an appropriate restriction endonuclease to generate further DNA probes of a desired length. Such antisense probes are useful for visualizing protected bands corresponding to the target mRNA (i.e., mRNA encoding polypeptides of the present invention).

20 Levels of mRNA encoding *Staphylococcus* polypeptides are assayed, for e.g., using the RT-PCR method described in Makino et al. (1990) Technique 2:295-301. By this method, the radioactivities of the "amplicons" in the polyacrylamide gel bands are linearly related to the initial concentration of the target mRNA. Briefly, this method involves adding total RNA isolated from a biological sample in a reaction mixture containing a RT primer and appropriate
30 buffer. After incubating for primer annealing, the mixture can be supplemented with a RT buffer, dNTPs, DTT, RNase inhibitor and reverse transcriptase. After incubation to achieve reverse transcription of the RNA, the RT products are then subject to PCR using labeled primers. Alternatively, rather than labeling the primers, a labeled dNTP can be included in the PCR reaction mixture. PCR amplification can be performed in a DNA thermal cycler according to conventional techniques. After a suitable number of rounds to achieve amplification, the PCR reaction mixture is electrophoresed on a polyacrylamide gel. After drying the gel, the radioactivity of the appropriate bands (corresponding to the mRNA encoding the *Staphylococcus* polypeptides of the present invention) are quantified using an imaging analyzer. RT and PCR reaction ingredients and conditions, reagent and gel concentrations, and
45 labeling methods are well known in the art. Variations on the RT-PCR method will be apparent to the skilled artisan. Other PCR methods that can detect the nucleic acid of the present invention can be found in PCR PRIMER: A LABORATORY MANUAL (C.W. Dieffenbach et al. eds., Cold Spring Harbor Lab Press, 1995).
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The polynucleotides of the present invention, including both DNA and RNA, may be

5 used to detect polynucleotides of the present invention or *Staphylococcus* species including *S. aureus* using bio chip technology. The present invention includes both high density chip arrays (>1000 oligonucleotides per cm²) and low density chip arrays (<1000 oligonucleotides per cm²). Bio chips comprising arrays of polynucleotides of the present invention may be used to
10 5 detect *Staphylococcus* species, including *S. aureus*, in biological and environmental samples and to diagnose an animal, including humans, with an *S. aureus* or other *Staphylococcus* infection. The bio chips of the present invention may comprise polynucleotide sequences of other pathogens including bacteria, viral, parasitic, and fungal polynucleotide sequences, in
15 addition to the polynucleotide sequences of the present invention, for use in rapid differential pathogenic detection and diagnosis. The bio chips can also be used to monitor an *S. aureus* or other *Staphylococcus* infections and to monitor the genetic changes (deletions, insertions, mismatches, etc.) in response to drug therapy in the clinic and drug development in the
20 laboratory. The bio chip technology comprising arrays of polynucleotides of the present invention may also be used to simultaneously monitor the expression of a multiplicity of genes, including those of the present invention. The polynucleotides used to comprise a selected array may be specified in the same manner as for the fragments, i.e., by their 5' and 3' positions or
25 length in contiguous base pairs and include from. Methods and particular uses of the polynucleotides of the present invention to detect *Staphylococcus* species, including *S. aureus*, using bio chip technology include those known in the art and those of: U.S. Patent Nos.
20 5510270, 5545531, 5445934, 5677195, 5532128, 5556752, 5527681, 5451683, 5424186, 5607646, 5658732 and World Patent Nos. WO/9710365, WO/9511995, WO/9743447, WO/9535505, each incorporated herein in their entireties.

Biosensors using the polynucleotides of the present invention may also be used to detect, diagnose, and monitor *S. aureus* or other *Staphylococcus* species and infections
25 thereof. Biosensors using the polynucleotides of the present invention may also be used to detect particular polynucleotides of the present invention. Biosensors using the polynucleotides of the present invention may also be used to monitor the genetic changes (deletions, insertions, mismatches, etc.) in response to drug therapy in the clinic and drug
30 development in the laboratory. Methods and particular uses of the polynucleotides of the present invention to detect *Staphylococcus* species, including *S. aureus*, using biosensors include those known in the art and those of: U.S. Patent Nos. 5721102, 5658732, 5631170, and World Patent Nos. WO97/35011, WO/9720203, each incorporated herein in their
entireties.

45 Thus, the present invention includes both bio chips and biosensors comprising polynucleotides of the present invention and methods of their use.

Assaying *Staphylococcus* polypeptide levels in a biological sample can occur using any
50 art-known method, such as antibody-based techniques. For example, *Staphylococcus* polypeptide expression in tissues can be studied with classical immunohistological methods. In these, the specific recognition is provided by the primary antibody (polyclonal or

monoclonal) but the secondary detection system can utilize fluorescent, enzyme, or other conjugated secondary antibodies. As a result, an immunohistological staining of tissue section for pathological examination is obtained. Tissues can also be extracted, *e.g.*, with urea and neutral detergent, for the liberation of *Staphylococcus* polypeptides for Western-blot or dot/slot assay. See, *e.g.*, Jalkanen, M. et al. (1985) J. Cell. Biol. 101:976-985; Jalkanen, M. et al. (1987) J. Cell. Biol. 105:3087-3096. In this technique, which is based on the use of cationic solid phases, quantitation of a *Staphylococcus* polypeptide can be accomplished using an isolated *Staphylococcus* polypeptide as a standard. This technique can also be applied to body fluids.

Other antibody-based methods useful for detecting *Staphylococcus* polypeptide gene expression include immunoassays, such as the ELISA and the radioimmunoassay (RIA). For example, a *Staphylococcus* polypeptide-specific monoclonal antibodies can be used both as an immunoabsorbent and as an enzyme-labeled probe to detect and quantify a *Staphylococcus* polypeptide. The amount of a *Staphylococcus* polypeptide present in the sample can be calculated by reference to the amount present in a standard preparation using a linear regression computer algorithm. Such an ELISA is described in Iacobelli et al. (1988) Breast Cancer Research and Treatment 11:19-30. In another ELISA assay, two distinct specific monoclonal antibodies can be used to detect *Staphylococcus* polypeptides in a body fluid. In this assay, one of the antibodies is used as the immunoabsorbent and the other as the enzyme-labeled probe.

The above techniques may be conducted essentially as a "one-step" or "two-step" assay. The "one-step" assay involves contacting the *Staphylococcus* polypeptide with immobilized antibody and, without washing, contacting the mixture with the labeled antibody. The "two-step" assay involves washing before contacting the mixture with the labeled antibody. Other conventional methods may also be employed as suitable. It is usually desirable to immobilize one component of the assay system on a support, thereby allowing other components of the system to be brought into contact with the component and readily removed from the sample. Variations of the above and other immunological methods included in the present invention can also be found in Harlow et al., ANTIBODIES: A LABORATORY MANUAL, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988).

Suitable enzyme labels include, for example, those from the oxidase group, which catalyze the production of hydrogen peroxide by reacting with substrate. Glucose oxidase is particularly preferred as it has good stability and its substrate (glucose) is readily available. Activity of an oxidase label may be assayed by measuring the concentration of hydrogen peroxide formed by the enzyme-labeled antibody/substrate reaction. Besides enzymes, other suitable labels include radioisotopes, such as iodine (^{125}I , ^{121}I), carbon (^{14}C), sulphur (^{35}S), tritium (^3H), indium (^{112}In), and technetium ($^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$), and fluorescent labels, such as fluorescein and rhodamine, and biotin.

Further suitable labels for the *Staphylococcus* polypeptide-specific antibodies of the

present invention are provided below. Examples of suitable enzyme labels include malate dehydrogenase, Staphylococcus nuclease, delta-5-steroid isomerase, yeast-alcohol dehydrogenase, alpha-glycerol phosphate dehydrogenase, triose phosphate isomerase, peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase, asparaginase, glucose oxidase, beta-galactosidase, ribonuclease, urease, catalase, glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase, glucoamylase, and acetylcholine esterase.

Examples of suitable radioisotopic labels include ^3H , ^{111}In , ^{125}I , ^{131}I , ^{32}P , ^{35}S , ^{14}C , ^{51}Cr , ^{57}Co , ^{58}Co , ^{59}Fe , ^{75}Se , ^{152}Eu , ^{90}Y , ^{67}Cu , ^{217}Bi , ^{211}At , ^{212}Pb , ^{47}Sc , ^{109}Pd , etc. ^{111}In is a preferred isotope where *in vivo* imaging is used since it avoids the problem of dehalogenation of the ^{125}I or ^{131}I -labeled monoclonal antibody by the liver. In addition, this radionuclide has a more favorable gamma emission energy for imaging. See, e.g., Perkins et al. (1985) Eur. J. Nucl. Med. 10:296-301; Carasquillo et al. (1987) J. Nucl. Med. 28:281-287. For example, ^{111}In coupled to monoclonal antibodies with 1-(P-isothiocyanatobenzyl)-DPTA has shown little uptake in non-tumor tissues, particularly the liver, and therefore enhances specificity of tumor localization. See, Esteban et al. (1987) J. Nucl. Med. 28:861-870.

Examples of suitable non-radioactive isotopic labels include ^{157}Gd , ^{55}Mn , ^{162}Dy , ^{52}Tr , and ^{56}Fe .

Examples of suitable fluorescent labels include an ^{152}Eu label, a fluorescein label, an isothiocyanate label, a rhodamine label, a phycoerythrin label, a phycocyanin label, an allophycocyanin label, an o-phthaldehyde label, and a fluorescamine label.

Examples of suitable toxin labels include, *Pseudomonas* toxin, diphtheria toxin, ricin, and cholera toxin.

Examples of chemiluminescent labels include a luminal label, an isoluminal label, an aromatic acridinium ester label, an imidazole label, an acridinium salt label, an oxalate ester label, a luciferin label, a luciferase label, and an aequorin label.

Examples of nuclear magnetic resonance contrasting agents include heavy metal nuclei such as Gd, Mn, and iron.

Typical techniques for binding the above-described labels to antibodies are provided by Kennedy et al. (1976) Clin. Chim. Acta 70:1-31, and Schurs et al. (1977) Clin. Chim. Acta 81:1-40. Coupling techniques mentioned in the latter are the glutaraldehyde method, the periodate method, the dimaleimide method, the m-maleimidobenzyl-N-hydroxy-succinimide ester method, all of which methods are incorporated by reference herein.

In a related aspect, the invention includes a diagnostic kit for use in screening serum containing antibodies specific against *S. aureus* infection. Such a kit may include an isolated *S. aureus* antigen comprising an epitope which is specifically immunoreactive with at least one anti-*S. aureus* antibody. Such a kit also includes means for detecting the binding of said antibody to the antigen. In specific embodiments, the kit may include a recombinantly produced or chemically synthesized peptide or polypeptide antigen. The peptide or polypeptide antigen may be attached to a solid support.

5 In a more specific embodiment, the detecting means of the above-described kit includes a solid support to which said peptide or polypeptide antigen is attached. Such a kit may also include a non-attached reporter-labeled anti-human antibody. In this embodiment, binding of the antibody to the *S. aureus* antigen can be detected by binding of the reporter labeled antibody to the anti-*S. aureus* polypeptide antibody.

10 In a related aspect, the invention includes a method of detecting *S. aureus* infection in a subject. This detection method includes reacting a body fluid, preferably serum, from the subject with an isolated *S. aureus* antigen, and examining the antigen for the presence of bound antibody. In a specific embodiment, the method includes a polypeptide antigen attached to a solid support, and serum is reacted with the support. Subsequently, the support is reacted with a reporter-labeled anti-human antibody. The support is then examined for the presence of reporter-labeled antibody.

20 The solid surface reagent employed in the above assays and kits is prepared by known techniques for attaching protein material to solid support material, such as polymeric beads, dip sticks, 96-well plates or filter material. These attachment methods generally include non-specific adsorption of the protein to the support or covalent attachment of the protein, typically through a free amine group, to a chemically reactive group on the solid support, such as an activated carboxyl, hydroxyl, or aldehyde group. Alternatively, streptavidin coated plates can be used in conjunction with biotinylated antigen(s).

30 The polypeptides and antibodies of the present invention, including fragments thereof, may be used to detect Staphylococcus species including *S. aureus* using bio chip and biosensor technology. Bio chip and biosensors of the present invention may comprise the polypeptides of the present invention to detect antibodies, which specifically recognize Staphylococcus species, including *S. aureus*. Bio chip and biosensors of the present invention may also comprise antibodies which specifically recognize the polypeptides of the present invention to detect Staphylococcus species, including *S. aureus* or specific polypeptides of the present invention. Bio chips or biosensors comprising polypeptides or antibodies of the present invention may be used to detect Staphylococcus species, including *S. aureus*, in biological and environmental samples and to diagnose an animal, including humans, with an *S. aureus* or other Staphylococcus infection. Thus, the present invention includes both bio chips and biosensors comprising polypeptides or antibodies of the present invention and methods of their use.

45 The bio chips of the present invention may further comprise polypeptide sequences of other pathogens including bacteria, viral, parasitic, and fungal polypeptide sequences, in addition to the polypeptide sequences of the present invention, for use in rapid differential pathogenic detection and diagnosis. The bio chips of the present invention may further comprise antibodies or fragments thereof specific for other pathogens including bacteria, viral, parasitic, and fungal polypeptide sequences, in addition to the antibodies or fragments thereof of the present invention, for use in rapid differential pathogenic detection and diagnosis. The

5 bio chips and biosensors of the present invention may also be used to monitor an *S. aureus* or
other Staphylococcus infection and to monitor the genetic changes (amino acid deletions,
10 insertions, substitutions, etc.) in response to drug therapy in the clinic and drug development in
the laboratory. The bio chip and biosensors comprising polypeptides or antibodies of the
5 present invention may also be used to simultaneously monitor the expression of a multiplicity
of polypeptides, including those of the present invention. The polypeptides used to comprise a
bio chip or biosensor of the present invention may be specified in the same manner as for the
15 fragments, i.e., by their N-terminal and C-terminal positions or length in contiguous amino acid
residue. Methods and particular uses of the polypeptides and antibodies of the present
10 invention to detect Staphylococcus species, including *S. aureus*, or specific polypeptides using
bio chip and biosensor technology include those known in the art, those of the U.S. Patent
Nos. and World Patent Nos. listed above for bio chips and biosensors using polynucleotides
20 of the present invention, and those of: U.S. Patent Nos. 5658732, 5135852, 5567301,
5677196, 5690894 and World Patent Nos. WO9729366, WO9612957, each incorporated
15 herein in their entireties.

25 *Treatment*

Agonists and Antagonists - Assays and Molecules

The invention also provides a method of screening compounds to identify those which
20 enhance or block the biological activity of the *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention.
The present invention further provides where the compounds kill or slow the growth of *S.*
30 *aureus*. The ability of *S. aureus* antagonists, including *S. aureus* ligands, to prophylactically
or therapeutically block antibiotic resistance may be easily tested by the skilled artisan. See,
e.g., Straden et al. (1997) J Bacteriol. 179(1):9-16.

25 An agonist is a compound which increases the natural biological function or which
functions in a manner similar to the polypeptides of the present invention, while antagonists
35 decrease or eliminate such functions. Potential antagonists include small organic molecules,
peptides, polypeptides, and antibodies that bind to a polypeptide of the invention and thereby
inhibit or extinguish its activity.

40 30 The antagonists may be employed for instance to inhibit peptidoglycan cross bridge
formation. Antibodies against *S. aureus* may be employed to bind to and inhibit *S. aureus*
activity to treat antibiotic resistance. Any of the above antagonists may be employed in a
composition with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

45 35 *Vaccines*

The present invention also provides vaccines comprising one or more polypeptides of
the present invention. Heterogeneity in the composition of a vaccine may be provided by
50 combining *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention. Multi-component vaccines of this
type are desirable because they are likely to be more effective in eliciting protective immune

5 responses against multiple species and strains of the *Staphylococcus* genus than single polypeptide vaccines.

Multi-component vaccines are known in the art to elicit antibody production to numerous immunogenic components. *See, e.g.*, Decker et al. (1996) J. Infect. Dis. 174:S270-
10 5 275. In addition, a hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis tetravalent vaccine has recently been demonstrated to elicit protective levels of antibodies in human infants against all four pathogenic agents. *See, e.g.*, Aristegui, J. et al. (1997) Vaccine 15:7-9.

The present invention in addition to single-component vaccines includes
15 multi-component vaccines. These vaccines comprise more than one polypeptide, immunogen or antigen. Thus, a multi-component vaccine would be a vaccine comprising more than one of the *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention.

Further within the scope of the invention are whole cell and whole viral vaccines. Such
20 vaccines may be produced recombinantly and involve the expression of one or more of the *S. aureus* polypeptides described in Table 1. For example, the *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention may be either secreted or localized intracellular, on the cell surface, or in the periplasmic space. Further, when a recombinant virus is used, the *S. aureus* polypeptides of
25 the present invention may, for example, be localized in the viral envelope, on the surface of the capsid, or internally within the capsid. Whole cells vaccines which employ cells expressing heterologous proteins are known in the art. *See, e.g.*, Robinson, K. et al. (1997) Nature
20 Biotech. 15:653-657; Sirard, J. et al. (1997) Infect. Immun. 65:2029-2033; Chabalgoity, J. et al. (1997) Infect. Immun. 65:2402-2412. These cells may be administered live or may be
30 killed prior to administration. Chabalgoity, J. et al., *supra*, for example, report the successful use in mice of a live attenuated *Salmonella* vaccine strain which expresses a portion of a platyhelminth fatty acid-binding protein as a fusion protein on its cells surface.

25 A multi-component vaccine can also be prepared using techniques known in the art by combining one or more *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention, or fragments thereof, with additional non-staphylococcal components (*e.g.*, diphtheria toxin or tetanus toxin, and/or other compounds known to elicit an immune response). Such vaccines are useful for eliciting protective immune responses to both members of the *Staphylococcus* genus and non-
40 30 staphylococcal pathogenic agents.

The vaccines of the present invention also include DNA vaccines. DNA vaccines are currently being developed for a number of infectious diseases. *See, et al.*, Boyer, et al. (1997) Nat. Med. 3:526-532; reviewed in Spier, R. (1996) Vaccine 14:1285-1288. Such DNA
45 vaccines contain a nucleotide sequence encoding one or more *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention oriented in a manner that allows for expression of the subject polypeptide. For example, the direct administration of plasmid DNA encoding *B. burgdorferi* OspA has been shown to elicit protective immunity in mice against borrelial challenge. *See*, Luke et al.
50 (1997) J. Infect. Dis. 175:91-97.

The present invention also relates to the administration of a vaccine which is

co-administered with a molecule capable of modulating immune responses. Kim et al. (1997) Nature Biotech. 15:641-646, for example, report the enhancement of immune responses produced by DNA immunizations when DNA sequences encoding molecules which stimulate the immune response are co-administered. In a similar fashion, the vaccines of the present invention may be co-administered with either nucleic acids encoding immune modulators or the immune modulators themselves. These immune modulators include granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) and CD86.

The vaccines of the present invention may be used to confer resistance to staphylococcal infection by either passive or active immunization. When the vaccines of the present invention are used to confer resistance to staphylococcal infection through active immunization, a vaccine of the present invention is administered to an animal to elicit a protective immune response which either prevents or attenuates a staphylococcal infection. When the vaccines of the present invention are used to confer resistance to staphylococcal infection through passive immunization, the vaccine is provided to a host animal (e.g., human, dog, or mouse), and the antisera elicited by this antisera is recovered and directly provided to a recipient suspected of having an infection caused by a member of the *Staphylococcus* genus.

The ability to label antibodies, or fragments of antibodies, with toxin molecules provides an additional method for treating staphylococcal infections when passive immunization is conducted. In this embodiment, antibodies, or fragments of antibodies, capable of recognizing the *S. aureus* polypeptides disclosed herein, or fragments thereof, as well as other *Staphylococcus* proteins, are labeled with toxin molecules prior to their administration to the patient. When such toxin derivatized antibodies bind to *Staphylococcus* cells, toxin moieties will be localized to these cells and will cause their death.

The present invention thus concerns and provides a means for preventing or attenuating a staphylococcal infection resulting from organisms which have antigens that are recognized and bound by antisera produced in response to the polypeptides of the present invention. As used herein, a vaccine is said to prevent or attenuate a disease if its administration to an animal results either in the total or partial attenuation (i.e., suppression) of a symptom or condition of the disease, or in the total or partial immunity of the animal to the disease.

The administration of the vaccine (or the antisera which it elicits) may be for either a "prophylactic" or "therapeutic" purpose. When provided prophylactically, the compound(s) are provided in advance of any symptoms of staphylococcal infection. The prophylactic administration of the compound(s) serves to prevent or attenuate any subsequent infection. When provided therapeutically, the compound(s) is provided upon or after the detection of symptoms which indicate that an animal may be infected with a member of the *Staphylococcus* genus. The therapeutic administration of the compound(s) serves to attenuate any actual infection. Thus, the *S. aureus* polypeptides, and fragments thereof, of the present invention may be provided either prior to the onset of infection (so as to prevent or attenuate an anticipated infection) or after the initiation of an actual infection.

5 The polypeptides of the invention, whether encoding a portion of a native protein or a functional derivative thereof, may be administered in pure form or may be coupled to a macromolecular carrier. Example of such carriers are proteins and carbohydrates. Suitable proteins which may act as macromolecular carrier for enhancing the immunogenicity of the
10 5 polypeptides of the present invention include keyhole limpet hemacyanin (KLH) tetanus toxoid, pertussis toxin, bovine serum albumin, and ovalbumin. Methods for coupling the polypeptides of the present invention to such macromolecular carriers are disclosed in Harlow et al., ANTIBODIES: A LABORATORY MANUAL, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988).

15 10 A composition is said to be "pharmacologically or physiologically acceptable" if its administration can be tolerated by a recipient animal and is otherwise suitable for administration to that animal. Such an agent is said to be administered in a "therapeutically effective amount" if the amount administered is physiologically significant. An agent is physiologically significant if its presence results in a detectable change in the physiology of a recipient patient.

20 15 While in all instances the vaccine of the present invention is administered as a pharmacologically acceptable compound, one skilled in the art would recognize that the composition of a pharmacologically acceptable compound varies with the animal to which it is administered. For example, a vaccine intended for human use will generally not be co-administered with Freund's adjuvant. Further, the level of purity of the *S. aureus* polypeptides
25 20 of the present invention will normally be higher when administered to a human than when administered to a non-human animal.

30 30 As would be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art, when the vaccine of the present invention is provided to an animal, it may be in a composition which may contain salts, buffers, adjuvants, or other substances which are desirable for improving the efficacy of the composition. Adjuvants are substances that can be used to specifically augment a specific
35 25 immune response. These substances generally perform two functions: (1) they protect the antigen(s) from being rapidly catabolized after administration and (2) they nonspecifically stimulate immune responses.

40 30 Normally, the adjuvant and the composition are mixed prior to presentation to the immune system, or presented separately, but into the same site of the animal being immunized. Adjuvants can be loosely divided into several groups based upon their composition. These groups include oil adjuvants (for example, Freund's complete and incomplete), mineral salts (for example, $AlK(SO_4)_2$, $AlNa(SO_4)_2$, $AlNH_4(SO_4)_2$, silica, kaolin, and carbon),
45 35 polynucleotides (for example, poly IC and poly AU acids), and certain natural substances (for example, wax D from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, as well as substances found in *Corynebacterium parvum*, or *Bordetella pertussis*, and members of the genus *Brucella*. Other substances useful as adjuvants are the saponins such as, for example, Quil A. (Superfos A/S, Denmark). Preferred adjuvants for use in the present invention include aluminum salts, such as $AlK(SO_4)_2$, $AlNa(SO_4)_2$, and $AlNH_4(SO_4)_2$. Examples of materials suitable for use in
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5 vaccine compositions are provided in REMINGTON'S PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES
1324-1341 (A. Osol, ed, Mack Publishing Co, Easton, PA, (1980) (incorporated herein by
reference).

10 The therapeutic compositions of the present invention can be administered parenterally
5 by injection, rapid infusion, nasopharyngeal absorption (intranasopharyngeally),
dermoabsorption, or orally. The compositions may alternatively be administered
intramuscularly, or intravenously. Compositions for parenteral administration include sterile
aqueous or non-aqueous solutions, suspensions, and emulsions. Examples of non-aqueous
15 solvents are propylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, vegetable oils such as olive oil, and
10 injectable organic esters such as ethyl oleate. Carriers or occlusive dressings can be used to
increase skin permeability and enhance antigen absorption. Liquid dosage forms for oral
administration may generally comprise a liposome solution containing the liquid dosage form.
20 Suitable forms for suspending liposomes include emulsions, suspensions, solutions, syrups,
and elixirs containing inert diluents commonly used in the art, such as purified water. Besides
15 the inert diluents, such compositions can also include adjuvants, wetting agents, emulsifying
and suspending agents, or sweetening, flavoring, or perfuming agents.

25 Therapeutic compositions of the present invention can also be administered in
encapsulated form. For example, intranasal immunization using vaccines encapsulated in
biodegradable microsphere composed of poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide). See, Shahin, R. et al.
20 (1995) Infect. Immun. 63:1195-1200. Similarly, orally administered encapsulated *Salmonella*
typhimurium antigens can also be used. Allaoui-Attarki, K. et al. (1997) Infect. Immun.
30 65:853-857. Encapsulated vaccines of the present invention can be administered by a variety
of routes including those involving contacting the vaccine with mucous membranes (e.g.,
intranasally, intracolonicly, intraduodenally).

35 Many different techniques exist for the timing of the immunizations when a multiple
administration regimen is utilized. It is possible to use the compositions of the invention more
than once to increase the levels and diversities of expression of the immunoglobulin repertoire
expressed by the immunized animal. Typically, if multiple immunizations are given, they will
be given one to two months apart.

40 According to the present invention, an "effective amount" of a therapeutic composition
is one which is sufficient to achieve a desired biological effect. Generally, the dosage needed
to provide an effective amount of the composition will vary depending upon such factors as the
animal's or human's age, condition, sex, and extent of disease, if any, and other variables
45 which can be adjusted by one of ordinary skill in the art.

35 The antigenic preparations of the invention can be administered by either single or
multiple dosages of an effective amount. Effective amounts of the compositions of the
invention can vary from 0.01-1,000 µg/ml per dose, more preferably 0.1-500 µg/ml per dose,
50 and most preferably 10-300 µg/ml per dose.

Examples

Example 1: Isolation of a Selected DNA Clone From the Deposited Sample

Three approaches can be used to isolate a *S. aureus* clone comprising a polynucleotide of the present invention from any *S. aureus* genomic DNA library. The *S. aureus* strain ISP3 has been deposited as a convenient source for obtaining a *S. aureus* strain although a wide variety of strains *S. aureus* strains can be used which are known in the art.

S. aureus genomic DNA is prepared using the following method. A 20ml overnight bacterial culture grown in a rich medium (e.g., Trypticase Soy Broth, Brain Heart Infusion broth or Super broth), pelleted, washed two times with TES (30mM Tris-pH 8.0, 25mM EDTA, 50mM NaCl), and resuspended in 5ml high salt TES (2.5M NaCl). Lysostaphin is added to final concentration of approx 50ug/ml and the mixture is rotated slowly 1 hour at 37C to make protoplast cells. The solution is then placed in incubator (or place in a shaking water bath) and warmed to 55C. Five hundred micro liter of 20% sarcosyl in TES (final concentration 2%) is then added to lyse the cells. Next, guanidine HCl is added to a final concentration of 7M (3.69g in 5.5 ml). The mixture is swirled slowly at 55C for 60-90 min (solution should clear). A CsCl gradient is then set up in SW41 ultra clear tubes using 2.0ml 5.7M CsCl and overlaying with 2.85M CsCl. The gradient is carefully overlayed with the DNA-containing GuHCl solution. The gradient is spun at 30,000 rpm, 20C for 24 hr and the lower DNA band is collected. The volume is increased to 5 ml with TE buffer. The DNA is then treated with protease K (10 ug/ml) overnight at 37 C, and precipitated with ethanol. The precipitated DNA is resuspended in a desired buffer.

In the first method, a plasmid is directly isolated by screening a plasmid *S. aureus* genomic DNA library using a polynucleotide probe corresponding to a polynucleotide of the present invention. Particularly, a specific polynucleotide with 30-40 nucleotides is synthesized using an Applied Biosystems DNA synthesizer according to the sequence reported. The oligonucleotide is labeled, for instance, with ³²P-γ-ATP using T4 polynucleotide kinase and purified according to routine methods. (See, e.g., Maniatis et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring, NY (1982).) The library is transformed into a suitable host, as indicated above (such as XL-1 Blue (Stratagene)) using techniques known to those of skill in the art. See, e.g., Sambrook et al. MOLECULAR CLONING: A LABORATORY MANUAL (Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. 2nd ed. 1989); Ausubel et al., CURRENT PROTOCOLS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (John Wiley and Sons, N.Y. 1989). The transformants are plated on 1.5% agar plates (containing the appropriate selection agent, e.g., ampicillin) to a density of about 150 transformants (colonies) per plate. These plates are screened using Nylon membranes according to routine methods for bacterial colony screening. See, e.g., Sambrook et al. MOLECULAR CLONING: A LABORATORY MANUAL (Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. 2nd ed. 1989); Ausubel et al.,

CURRENT PROTOCOLS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (John Wiley and Sons, N.Y. 1989) or other techniques known to those of skill in the art.

Alternatively, two primers of 15-25 nucleotides derived from the 5' and 3' ends of a polynucleotide of Table 1 are synthesized and used to amplify the desired DNA by PCR using a *S. aureus* genomic DNA prep (e.g., the deposited *S. aureus* ISP3) as a template. PCR is carried out under routine conditions, for instance, in 25 μ l of reaction mixture with 0.5 μ g of the above DNA template. A convenient reaction mixture is 1.5-5 mM $MgCl_2$, 0.01% (w/v) gelatin, 20 μ M each of dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 25 pmol of each primer and 0.25 Unit of Taq polymerase. Thirty five cycles of PCR (denaturation at 94°C for 1 min; annealing at 55°C for 1 min; elongation at 72°C for 1 min) are performed with a Perkin-Elmer Cetus automated thermal cycler. The amplified product is analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis and the DNA band with expected molecular weight is excised and purified. The PCR product is verified to be the selected sequence by subcloning and sequencing the DNA product.

Finally, overlapping oligos of the DNA sequences of Table 1 can be synthesized and used to generate a nucleotide sequence of desired length using PCR methods known in the art.

Example 2(a): Expression and Purification staphylococcal polypeptides in *E. coli*

The bacterial expression vector pQE60 is used for bacterial expression in this example. (QIAGEN, Inc., 9259 Eton Avenue, Chatsworth, CA, 91311). pQE60 encodes ampicillin antibiotic resistance ("Amp^r") and contains a bacterial origin of replication ("ori"), an IPTG inducible promoter, a ribosome binding site ("RBS"), six codons encoding histidine residues that allow affinity purification using nickel-nitrilo-tri-acetic acid ("Ni-NTA") affinity resin (QIAGEN, Inc., *supra*) and suitable single restriction enzyme cleavage sites. These elements are arranged such that an inserted DNA fragment encoding a polypeptide expresses that polypeptide with the six His residues (i.e., a "6 X His tag") covalently linked to the carboxyl terminus of that polypeptide.

The DNA sequence encoding the desired portion of a *S. aureus* protein of the present invention is amplified from *S. aureus* genomic DNA or from the deposited DNA clone using PCR oligonucleotide primers which anneal to the 5' and 3' sequences coding for the portion of the *S. aureus* polynucleotide. Additional nucleotides containing restriction sites to facilitate cloning in the pQE60 vector are added to the 5' and 3' sequences, respectively.

For cloning the mature protein, the 5' primer has a sequence containing an appropriate restriction site followed by nucleotides of the amino terminal coding sequence of the desired *S. aureus* polynucleotide sequence in Table 1. One of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that the point in the protein coding sequence where the 5' and 3' primers begin may be varied to amplify a DNA segment encoding any desired portion of the complete protein shorter or longer than the mature form. The 3' primer has a sequence containing an appropriate

restriction site followed by nucleotides complementary to the 3' end of the desired coding sequence of Table 1, excluding a stop codon, with the coding sequence aligned with the restriction site so as to maintain its reading frame with that of the six His codons in the pQE60 vector.

The amplified *S. aureus* DNA fragment and the vector pQE60 are digested with restriction enzymes which recognize the sites in the primers and the digested DNAs are then ligated together. The *S. aureus* DNA is inserted into the restricted pQE60 vector in a manner which places the *S. aureus* protein coding region downstream from the IPTG-inducible promoter and in-frame with an initiating AUG and the six histidine codons.

The ligation mixture is transformed into competent *E. coli* cells using standard procedures such as those described by Sambrook et al., *supra*. *E. coli* strain M15/rep4, containing multiple copies of the plasmid pREP4, which expresses the lac repressor and confers kanamycin resistance ("Kanr"), is used in carrying out the illustrative example described herein. This strain, which is only one of many that are suitable for expressing a *S. aureus* polypeptide, is available commercially (QIAGEN, Inc., *supra*). Transformants are identified by their ability to grow on LB plates in the presence of ampicillin and kanamycin. Plasmid DNA is isolated from resistant colonies and the identity of the cloned DNA confirmed by restriction analysis, PCR and DNA sequencing.

Clones containing the desired constructs are grown overnight ("O/N") in liquid culture in LB media supplemented with both ampicillin (100 µg/ml) and kanamycin (25 µg/ml). The O/N culture is used to inoculate a large culture, at a dilution of approximately 1:25 to 1:250. The cells are grown to an optical density at 600 nm ("OD600") of between 0.4 and 0.6. Isopropyl-β-D-thiogalactopyranoside ("IPTG") is then added to a final concentration of 1 mM to induce transcription from the lac repressor sensitive promoter, by inactivating the lacI repressor. Cells subsequently are incubated further for 3 to 4 hours. Cells then are harvested by centrifugation.

The cells are then stirred for 3-4 hours at 4°C in 6M guanidine-HCl, pH 8. The cell debris is removed by centrifugation, and the supernatant containing the *S. aureus* polypeptide is loaded onto a nickel-nitrilo-tri-acetic acid ("Ni-NTA") affinity resin column (QIAGEN, Inc., *supra*). Proteins with a 6 x His tag bind to the Ni-NTA resin with high affinity and can be purified in a simple one-step procedure (for details see: The QIAexpressionist, 1995, QIAGEN, Inc., *supra*). Briefly the supernatant is loaded onto the column in 6 M guanidine-HCl, pH 8, the column is first washed with 10 volumes of 6 M guanidine-HCl, pH 8, then washed with 10 volumes of 6 M guanidine-HCl pH 6, and finally the *S. aureus* polypeptide is eluted with 6 M guanidine-HCl, pH 5.

The purified protein is then renatured by dialyzing it against phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) or 50 mM Na-acetate, pH 6 buffer plus 200 mM NaCl. Alternatively, the protein can be successfully refolded while immobilized on the Ni-NTA column. The recommended conditions

are as follows: renature using a linear 6M-1M urea gradient in 500 mM NaCl, 20% glycerol, 20 mM Tris/HCl pH 7.4, containing protease inhibitors. The renaturation should be performed over a period of 1.5 hours or more. After renaturation the proteins can be eluted by the addition of 250 mM imidazole. Imidazole is removed by a final dialyzing step against PBS or 50 mM sodium acetate pH 6 buffer plus 200 mM NaCl. The purified protein is stored at 4° C or frozen at -80° C.

Alternatively, the polypeptides of the present invention can be produced by a non-denaturing method. In this method, after the cells are harvested by centrifugation, the cell pellet from each liter of culture is resuspended in 25 ml of Lysis Buffer A at 4°C (Lysis Buffer A = 50 mM Na-phosphate, 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, 10% Glycerol, pH 7.5 with 1 tablet of Complete EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail (Boehringer Mannheim #1873580) per 50 ml of buffer). Absorbance at 550 nm is approximately 10-20 O.D./ml. The suspension is then put through three freeze/thaw cycles from -70°C (using a ethanol-dry ice bath) up to room temperature. The cells are lysed via sonication in short 10 sec bursts over 3 minutes at approximately 80W while kept on ice. The sonicated sample is then centrifuged at 15,000 RPM for 30 minutes at 4°C. The supernatant is passed through a column containing 1.0 ml of CL-4B resin to pre-clear the sample of any proteins that may bind to agarose non-specifically, and the flow-through fraction is collected.

The pre-cleared flow-through is applied to a nickel-nitrilo-tri-acetic acid ("Ni-NTA") affinity resin column (Quiagen, Inc., *supra*). Proteins with a 6 X His tag bind to the Ni-NTA resin with high affinity and can be purified in a simple one-step procedure. Briefly, the supernatant is loaded onto the column in Lysis Buffer A at 4°C, the column is first washed with 10 volumes of Lysis Buffer A until the A280 of the eluate returns to the baseline. Then, the column is washed with 5 volumes of 40 mM Imidazole (92% Lysis Buffer A / 8% Buffer B) (Buffer B = 50 mM Na-Phosphate, 300 mM NaCl, 10% Glycerol, 10 mM 2-mercaptoethanol, 500 mM Imidazole, pH of the final buffer should be 7.5). The protein is eluted off of the column with a series of increasing Imidazole solutions made by adjusting the ratios of Lysis Buffer A to Buffer B. Three different concentrations are used: 3 volumes of 75 mM Imidazole, 3 volumes of 150 mM Imidazole, 5 volumes of 500 mM Imidazole. The fractions containing the purified protein are analyzed using 8 %, 10 % or 14% SDS-PAGE depending on the protein size. The purified protein is then dialyzed 2X against phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) in order to place it into an easily workable buffer. The purified protein is stored at 4° C or frozen at -80°

The following is another alternative method may be used to purify *S. aureus* expressed in *E. coli* when it is present in the form of inclusion bodies. Unless otherwise specified, all of the following steps are conducted at 4-10°C.

Upon completion of the production phase of the *E. coli* fermentation, the cell culture is cooled to 4-10°C and the cells are harvested by continuous centrifugation at 15,000 rpm

(Heraeus Sepatech). On the basis of the expected yield of protein per unit weight of cell paste and the amount of purified protein required, an appropriate amount of cell paste, by weight, is suspended in a buffer solution containing 100 mM Tris, 50 mM EDTA, pH 7.4. The cells are dispersed to a homogeneous suspension using a high shear mixer.

The cells are then lysed by passing the solution through a microfluidizer (Microfluidics, Corp. or APV Gaulin, Inc.) twice at 4000-6000 psi. The homogenate is then mixed with NaCl solution to a final concentration of 0.5 M NaCl, followed by centrifugation at 7000 x g for 15 min. The resultant pellet is washed again using 0.5M NaCl, 100 mM Tris, 50 mM EDTA, pH 7.4.

The resulting washed inclusion bodies are solubilized with 1.5 M guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) for 2-4 hours. After 7000 x g centrifugation for 15 min., the pellet is discarded and the *S. aureus* polypeptide-containing supernatant is incubated at 4°C overnight to allow further GuHCl extraction.

Following high speed centrifugation (30,000 x g) to remove insoluble particles, the GuHCl solubilized protein is refolded by quickly mixing the GuHCl extract with 20 volumes of buffer containing 50 mM sodium, pH 4.5, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM EDTA by vigorous stirring. The refolded diluted protein solution is kept at 4°C without mixing for 12 hours prior to further purification steps.

To clarify the refolded *S. aureus* polypeptide solution, a previously prepared tangential filtration unit equipped with 0.16 µm membrane filter with appropriate surface area (e.g., Filtron), equilibrated with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0 is employed. The filtered sample is loaded onto a cation exchange resin (e.g., Poros HS-50, Perseptive Biosystems). The column is washed with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0 and eluted with 250 mM, 500 mM, 1000 mM, and 1500 mM NaCl in the same buffer, in a stepwise manner. The absorbance at 280 nm of the effluent is continuously monitored. Fractions are collected and further analyzed by SDS-PAGE.

Fractions containing the *S. aureus* polypeptide are then pooled and mixed with 4 volumes of water. The diluted sample is then loaded onto a previously prepared set of tandem columns of strong anion (Poros HQ-50, Perseptive Biosystems) and weak anion (Poros CM-20, Perseptive Biosystems) exchange resins. The columns are equilibrated with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0. Both columns are washed with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0, 200 mM NaCl. The CM-20 column is then eluted using a 10 column volume linear gradient ranging from 0.2 M NaCl, 50 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0 to 1.0 M NaCl, 50 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.5. Fractions are collected under constant A_{280} monitoring of the effluent. Fractions containing the *S. aureus* polypeptide (determined, for instance, by 16% SDS-PAGE) are then pooled.

The resultant *S. aureus* polypeptide exhibits greater than 95% purity after the above refolding and purification steps. No major contaminant bands are observed from Commassie

blue stained 16% SDS-PAGE gel when 5 µg of purified protein is loaded. The purified protein is also tested for endotoxin/LPS contamination, and typically the LPS content is less than 0.1 ng/ml according to LAL assays.

Example 2(b): Expression and Purification staphylococcal polypeptides in *E. coli*

Alternatively, the vector pQE10 can be used to clone and express polypeptides of the present invention. The difference being such that an inserted DNA fragment encoding a polypeptide expresses that polypeptide with the six His residues (i.e., a "6 X His tag") covalently linked to the amino terminus of that polypeptide. The bacterial expression vector pQE10 (QIAGEN, Inc., 9259 Eton Avenue, Chatsworth, CA, 91311) is used in this example. The components of the pQE10 plasmid are arranged such that the inserted DNA sequence encoding a polypeptide of the present invention expresses the polypeptide with the six His residues (i.e., a "6 X His tag") covalently linked to the amino terminus.

The DNA sequences encoding the desired portions of a polypeptide of Table 1 are amplified using PCR oligonucleotide primers from either genomic *S. aureus* DNA or DNA from the plasmid clones listed in Table 1 clones of the present invention. The PCR primers anneal to the nucleotide sequences encoding the desired amino acid sequence of a polypeptide of the present invention. Additional nucleotides containing restriction sites to facilitate cloning in the pQE10 vector are added to the 5' and 3' primer sequences, respectively.

For cloning a polypeptide of the present invention, the 5' and 3' primers are selected to amplify their respective nucleotide coding sequences. One of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that the point in the protein coding sequence where the 5' and 3' primers begins may be varied to amplify a DNA segment encoding any desired portion of a polypeptide of the present invention. The 5' primer is designed so the coding sequence of the 6 X His tag is aligned with the restriction site so as to maintain its reading frame with that of *S. aureus* polypeptide. The 3' is designed to include an stop codon. The amplified DNA fragment is then cloned, and the protein expressed, as described above for the pQE60 plasmid.

The DNA sequences encoding the amino acid sequences of Table 1 may also be cloned and expressed as fusion proteins by a protocol similar to that described directly above, wherein the pET-32b(+) vector (Novagen, 601 Science Drive, Madison, WI 53711) is preferentially used in place of pQE10.

Example 2(c): Expression and Purification of Staphylococcal polypeptides in *E. coli*

The bacterial expression vector pQE60 is used for bacterial expression in this example (QIAGEN, Inc., 9259 Eton Avenue, Chatsworth, CA, 91311). However, in this example, the polypeptide coding sequence is inserted such that translation of the six His codons is prevented

5 and, therefore, the polypeptide is produced with no 6 X His tag.

The DNA sequence encoding the desired portion of the *S. aureus* amino acid sequence is amplified from a *S. aureus* genomic DNA prep using PCR oligonucleotide primers which anneal to the 5' and 3' nucleotide sequences corresponding to the desired portion of the *S.*
10 5 *aureus* polypeptides. Additional nucleotides containing restriction sites to facilitate cloning in the pQE60 vector are added to the 5' and 3' primer sequences.

For cloning a *S. aureus* polypeptides of the present invention, 5' and 3' primers are selected to amplify their respective nucleotide coding sequences. One of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that the point in the protein coding sequence where the 5' and 3' primers
15 10 begin may be varied to amplify a DNA segment encoding any desired portion of a polypeptide of the present invention. The 3' and 5' primers contain appropriate restriction sites followed by nucleotides complementary to the 5' and 3' ends of the coding sequence respectively. The 3' primer is additionally designed to include an in-frame stop codon.

The amplified *S. aureus* DNA fragments and the vector pQE60 are digested with
15 15 restriction enzymes recognizing the sites in the primers and the digested DNAs are then ligated together. Insertion of the *S. aureus* DNA into the restricted pQE60 vector places the *S. aureus* protein coding region including its associated stop codon downstream from the IPTG-inducible promoter and in-frame with an initiating AUG. The associated stop codon prevents translation of the six histidine codons downstream of the insertion point.

The ligation mixture is transformed into competent *E. coli* cells using standard
20 20 procedures such as those described by Sambrook et al. *E. coli* strain M15/rep4, containing multiple copies of the plasmid pREP4, which expresses the lac repressor and confers kanamycin resistance ("Kan^r"), is used in carrying out the illustrative example described herein. This strain, which is only one of many that are suitable for expressing *S. aureus*
30 25 polypeptide, is available commercially (QIAGEN, Inc., *supra*). Transformants are identified by their ability to grow on LB plates in the presence of ampicillin and kanamycin. Plasmid DNA is isolated from resistant colonies and the identity of the cloned DNA confirmed by restriction analysis, PCR and DNA sequencing.

Clones containing the desired constructs are grown overnight ("O/N") in liquid culture
40 30 in LB media supplemented with both ampicillin (100 µg/ml) and kanamycin (25 µg/ml). The O/N culture is used to inoculate a large culture, at a dilution of approximately 1:25 to 1:250. The cells are grown to an optical density at 600 nm ("OD₆₀₀") of between 0.4 and 0.6. isopropyl-b-D-thiogalactopyranoside ("IPTG") is then added to a final concentration of 1 mM
45 35 to induce transcription from the lac repressor sensitive promoter, by inactivating the lacI repressor. Cells subsequently are incubated further for 3 to 4 hours. Cells then are harvested by centrifugation.

To purify the *S. aureus* polypeptide, the cells are then stirred for 3-4 hours at 4°C in
50 50 6M guanidine-HCl, pH 8. The cell debris is removed by centrifugation, and the supernatant

5 containing the *S. aureus* polypeptide is dialyzed against 50 mM Na-acetate buffer pH 6, supplemented with 200 mM NaCl. Alternatively, the protein can be successfully refolded by dialyzing it against 500 mM NaCl, 20% glycerol, 25 mM Tris/HCl pH 7.4, containing protease inhibitors. After renaturation the protein can be purified by ion exchange, hydrophobic
10 5 interaction and size exclusion chromatography. Alternatively, an affinity chromatography step such as an antibody column can be used to obtain pure *S. aureus* polypeptide. The purified protein is stored at 4°C or frozen at -80°C.

The following alternative method may be used to purify *S. aureus* polypeptides expressed in *E. coli* when it is present in the form of inclusion bodies. Unless otherwise
15 specified, all of the following steps are conducted at 4-10°C.

Upon completion of the production phase of the *E. coli* fermentation, the cell culture is cooled to 4-10°C and the cells are harvested by continuous centrifugation at 15,000 rpm
20 (Heraeus Sepatech). On the basis of the expected yield of protein per unit weight of cell paste and the amount of purified protein required, an appropriate amount of cell paste, by weight, is suspended in a buffer solution containing 100 mM Tris, 50 mM EDTA, pH 7.4. The cells are dispersed to a homogeneous suspension using a high shear mixer.
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The cells were then lysed by passing the solution through a microfluidizer (Microfluidics, Corp. or APV Gaulin, Inc.) twice at 4000-6000 psi. The homogenate is then mixed with NaCl solution to a final concentration of 0.5 M NaCl, followed by centrifugation at
30 20 7000 x g for 15 min. The resultant pellet is washed again using 0.5M NaCl, 100 mM Tris, 50 mM EDTA, pH 7.4.

The resulting washed inclusion bodies are solubilized with 1.5 M guanidine hydrochloride (GuHCl) for 2-4 hours. After 7000 x g centrifugation for 15 min., the pellet is discarded and the *S. aureus* polypeptide-containing supernatant is incubated at 4°C overnight to
35 25 allow further GuHCl extraction.

Following high speed centrifugation (30,000 x g) to remove insoluble particles, the GuHCl solubilized protein is refolded by quickly mixing the GuHCl extract with 20 volumes of buffer containing 50 mM sodium, pH 4.5, 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM EDTA by vigorous
40 stirring. The refolded diluted protein solution is kept at 4°C without mixing for 12 hours prior to further purification steps.
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To clarify the refolded *S. aureus* polypeptide solution, a previously prepared tangential filtration unit equipped with 0.16 µm membrane filter with appropriate surface area (e.g., Filtron), equilibrated with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0 is employed. The filtered sample is loaded onto a cation exchange resin (e.g., Poros HS-50, Perseptive Biosystems). The column
45 35 is washed with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0 and eluted with 250 mM, 500 mM, 1000 mM, and 1500 mM NaCl in the same buffer, in a stepwise manner. The absorbance at 280 nm of the effluent is continuously monitored. Fractions are collected and further analyzed by SDS-
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Fractions containing the *S. aureus* polypeptide are then pooled and mixed with 4 volumes of water. The diluted sample is then loaded onto a previously prepared set of tandem columns of strong anion (Poros HQ-50, Perseptive Biosystems) and weak anion (Poros CM-20, Perseptive Biosystems) exchange resins. The columns are equilibrated with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0. Both columns are washed with 40 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0, 200 mM NaCl. The CM-20 column is then eluted using a 10 column volume linear gradient ranging from 0.2 M NaCl, 50 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.0 to 1.0 M NaCl, 50 mM sodium acetate, pH 6.5. Fractions are collected under constant A_{280} monitoring of the effluent. Fractions containing the *S. aureus* polypeptide (determined, for instance, by 16% SDS-PAGE) are then pooled.

The resultant *S. aureus* polypeptide exhibits greater than 95% purity after the above refolding and purification steps. No major contaminant bands are observed from Commassie blue stained 16% SDS-PAGE gel when 5 μ g of purified protein is loaded. The purified protein is also tested for endotoxin/LPS contamination, and typically the LPS content is less than 0.1 ng/ml according to LAL assays.

Example 2(d): Cloning and Expression of *S. aureus* in Other Bacteria

S. aureus polypeptides can also be produced in: *S. aureus* using the methods of S. Skinner et al., (1988) Mol. Microbiol. 2:289-297 or J. I. Moreno (1996) Protein Expr. Purif. 8(3):332-340; *Lactobacillus* using the methods of C. Rush et al., 1997 Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol. 47(5):537-542; or in *Bacillus subtilis* using the methods Chang et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,952,508.

Example 3: Cloning and Expression in COS Cells

A *S. aureus* expression plasmid is made by cloning a portion of the DNA encoding a *S. aureus* polypeptide into the expression vector pDNAI/Amp or pDNAIII (which can be obtained from Invitrogen, Inc.). The expression vector pDNAI/amp contains: (1) an *E. coli* origin of replication effective for propagation in *E. coli* and other prokaryotic cells; (2) an ampicillin resistance gene for selection of plasmid-containing prokaryotic cells; (3) an SV40 origin of replication for propagation in eukaryotic cells; (4) a CMV promoter, a polylinker, an SV40 intron; (5) several codons encoding a hemagglutinin fragment (i.e., an "HA" tag to facilitate purification) followed by a termination codon and polyadenylation signal arranged so that a DNA can be conveniently placed under expression control of the CMV promoter and operably linked to the SV40 intron and the polyadenylation signal by means of restriction sites in the polylinker. The HA tag corresponds to an epitope derived from the influenza hemagglutinin protein described by Wilson et al. 1984 Cell 37:767. The fusion of the HA tag to the target protein allows easy detection and recovery of the recombinant protein with an

antibody that recognizes the HA epitope. pDNAIII contains, in addition, the selectable neomycin marker.

A DNA fragment encoding a *S. aureus* polypeptide is cloned into the polylinker region of the vector so that recombinant protein expression is directed by the CMV promoter. The plasmid construction strategy is as follows. The DNA from a *S. aureus* genomic DNA prep is amplified using primers that contain convenient restriction sites, much as described above for construction of vectors for expression of *S. aureus* in *E. coli*. The 5' primer contains a Kozak sequence, an AUG start codon, and nucleotides of the 5' coding region of the *S. aureus* polypeptide. The 3' primer, contains nucleotides complementary to the 3' coding sequence of the *S. aureus* DNA, a stop codon, and a convenient restriction site.

The PCR amplified DNA fragment and the vector, pDNAI/Amp, are digested with appropriate restriction enzymes and then ligated. The ligation mixture is transformed into an appropriate *E. coli* strain such as SURE™ (Stratagene Cloning Systems, La Jolla, CA 92037), and the transformed culture is plated on ampicillin media plates which then are incubated to allow growth of ampicillin resistant colonies. Plasmid DNA is isolated from resistant colonies and examined by restriction analysis or other means for the presence of the fragment encoding the *S. aureus* polypeptide

For expression of a recombinant *S. aureus* polypeptide, COS cells are transfected with an expression vector, as described above, using DEAE-dextran, as described, for instance, by Sambrook et al. (*supra*). Cells are incubated under conditions for expression of *S. aureus* by the vector.

Expression of the *S. aureus*-HA fusion protein is detected by radiolabeling and immunoprecipitation, using methods described in, for example Harlow et al., *supra*. To this end, two days after transfection, the cells are labeled by incubation in media containing ³⁵S-cysteine for 8 hours. The cells and the media are collected, and the cells are washed and the lysed with detergent-containing RIPA buffer: 150 mM NaCl, 1% NP-40, 0.1% SDS, 1% NP-40, 0.5% DOC, 50 mM TRIS, pH 7.5, as described by Wilson et al. (*supra*). Proteins are precipitated from the cell lysate and from the culture media using an HA-specific monoclonal antibody. The precipitated proteins then are analyzed by SDS-PAGE and autoradiography. An expression product of the expected size is seen in the cell lysate, which is not seen in negative controls.

Example 4: Cloning and Expression in CHO Cells

The vector pC4 is used for the expression of *S. aureus* polypeptide in this example. Plasmid pC4 is a derivative of the plasmid pSV2-dhfr (ATCC Accession No. 37146). The plasmid contains the mouse DHFR gene under control of the SV40 early promoter. Chinese hamster ovary cells or other cells lacking dihydrofolate activity that are transfected with these plasmids can be selected by growing the cells in a selective medium (alpha minus MEM, Life

Technologies) supplemented with the chemotherapeutic agent methotrexate. The amplification of the DHFR genes in cells resistant to methotrexate (MTX) has been well documented. *See, e.g.,* Alt et al., 1978, J. Biol. Chem. 253:1357-1370; Hamlin et al., 1990, Biochem. et Biophys. Acta, 1097:107-143; Page et al., 1991, Biotechnology 9:64-68. Cells grown in increasing concentrations of MTX develop resistance to the drug by overproducing the target enzyme, DHFR, as a result of amplification of the DHFR gene. If a second gene is linked to the DHFR gene, it is usually co-amplified and over-expressed. It is known in the art that this approach may be used to develop cell lines carrying more than 1,000 copies of the amplified gene(s). Subsequently, when the methotrexate is withdrawn, cell lines are obtained which contain the amplified gene integrated into one or more chromosome(s) of the host cell.

Plasmid pC4 contains the strong promoter of the long terminal repeat (LTR) of the Rouse Sarcoma Virus, for expressing a polypeptide of interest, Cullen, et al. (1985) Mol. Cell. Biol. 5:438-447; plus a fragment isolated from the enhancer of the immediate early gene of human cytomegalovirus (CMV), Boshart, et al., 1985, Cell 41:521-530. Downstream of the promoter are the following single restriction enzyme cleavage sites that allow the integration of the genes: *Bam* HI, *Xba* I, and *Asp* 718. Behind these cloning sites the plasmid contains the 3' intron and polyadenylation site of the rat preproinsulin gene. Other high efficiency promoters can also be used for the expression, e.g., the human β -actin promoter, the SV40 early or late promoters or the long terminal repeats from other retroviruses, e.g., HIV and HTLV. Clontech's Tet-Off and Tet-On gene expression systems and similar systems can be used to express the *S. aureus* polypeptide in a regulated way in mammalian cells (Gossen et al., 1992, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 89:5547-5551. For the polyadenylation of the mRNA other signals, e.g., from the human growth hormone or globin genes can be used as well. Stable cell lines carrying a gene of interest integrated into the chromosomes can also be selected upon co-transfection with a selectable marker such as gpt, G418 or hygromycin. It is advantageous to use more than one selectable marker in the beginning, e.g., G418 plus methotrexate.

The plasmid pC4 is digested with the restriction enzymes and then dephosphorylated using calf intestinal phosphates by procedures known in the art. The vector is then isolated from a 1% agarose gel. The DNA sequence encoding the *S. aureus* polypeptide is amplified using PCR oligonucleotide primers corresponding to the 5' and 3' sequences of the desired portion of the gene. A 5' primer containing a restriction site, a Kozak sequence, an AUG start codon, and nucleotides of the 5' coding region of the *S. aureus* polypeptide is synthesized and used. A 3' primer, containing a restriction site, stop codon, and nucleotides complementary to the 3' coding sequence of the *S. aureus* polypeptides is synthesized and used. The amplified fragment is digested with the restriction endonucleases and then purified again on a 1% agarose gel. The isolated fragment and the dephosphorylated vector are then ligated with T4 DNA ligase. *E. coli* HB101 or XL-I Blue cells are then transformed and bacteria are identified that contain the fragment inserted into plasmid pC4 using, for instance, restriction enzyme analysis.

Chinese hamster ovary cells lacking an active DHFR gene are used for transfection. Five µg of the expression plasmid pC4 is cotransfected with 0.5 µg of the plasmid pSVneo using a lipid-mediated transfection agent such as Lipofectin™ or LipofectAMINE™ (Life Technologies Gaithersburg, MD). The plasmid pSV2-neo contains a dominant selectable marker, the *neo* gene from Tn5 encoding an enzyme that confers resistance to a group of antibiotics including G418. The cells are seeded in alpha minus MEM supplemented with 1 mg/ml G418. After 2 days, the cells are trypsinized and seeded in hybridoma cloning plates (Greiner, Germany) in alpha minus MEM supplemented with 10, 25, or 50 ng/ml of methotrexate plus 1 mg/ml G418. After about 10-14 days single clones are trypsinized and then seeded in 6-well petri dishes or 10 ml flasks using different concentrations of methotrexate (50 nM, 100 nM, 200 nM, 400 nM, 800 nM). Clones growing at the highest concentrations of methotrexate are then transferred to new 6-well plates containing even higher concentrations of methotrexate (1 µM, 2 µM, 5 µM, 10 mM, 20 mM). The same procedure is repeated until clones are obtained which grow at a concentration of 100-200 µM. Expression of the desired gene product is analyzed, for instance, by SDS-PAGE and Western blot or by reversed phase HPLC analysis.

Example 5: Quantitative Murine Soft Tissue Infection Model for *S. aureus*

Compositions of the present invention, including polypeptides and peptides, are assayed for their ability to function as vaccines or to enhance/stimulate an immune response to a bacterial species (e.g., *S. aureus*) using the following quantitative murine soft tissue infection model. Mice (e.g., NIH Swiss female mice, approximately 7 weeks old) are first treated with a biologically protective effective amount, or immune enhancing/stimulating effective amount of a composition of the present invention using methods known in the art, such as those discussed above. See, e.g., Harlow et al., ANTIBODIES: A LABORATORY MANUAL, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988). An example of an appropriate starting dose is 20ug per animal.

The desired bacterial species used to challenge the mice, such as *S. aureus*, is grown as an overnight culture. The culture is diluted to a concentration of 5×10^8 cfu/ml, in an appropriate media, mixed well, serially diluted, and titered. The desired doses are further diluted 1:2 with sterilized Cytodex 3 microcarrier beads preswollen in sterile PBS (3g/100ml). Mice are anesthetize briefly until docile, but still mobile and injected with 0.2 ml of the Cytodex 3 bead/bacterial mixture into each animal subcutaneously in the inguinal region. After four days, counting the day of injection as day one, mice are sacrificed and the contents of the abscess is excised and placed in a 15 ml conical tube containing 1.0ml of sterile PBS. The contents of the abscess is then enzymatically treated and plated as follows.

The abscess is first disrupted by vortexing with sterilized glass beads placed in the tubes. 3.0mls of prepared enzyme mixture (1.0ml Collagenase D (4.0 mg/ml), 1.0ml Trypsin (6.0

mg/ml) and 8.0 ml PBS) is then added to each tube followed by a 20 min. incubation at 37C. The solution is then centrifuged and the supernatant drawn off. 0.5 ml dH₂O is then added and the tubes are vortexed and then incubated for 10 min. at room temperature. 0.5 ml media is then added and samples are serially diluted and plated onto agar plates, and grown overnight at 37C. Plates with distinct and separate colonics are then counted, compared to positive and negative control samples, and quantified. The method can be used to identify composition and determine appropriate and effective doses for humans and other animals by comparing the effective doses of compositions of the present invention with compositions known in the art to be effective in both mice and humans. Doses for the effective treatment of humans and other animals, using compositions of the present invention, are extrapolated using the data from the above experiments of mice. It is appreciated that further studies in humans and other animals may be needed to determine the most effective doses using methods of clinical practice known in the art.

Example 6: Murine Systemic Neutropenic Model for *S. aureus* Infection

Compositions of the present invention, including polypeptides and peptides, are assayed for their ability to function as vaccines or to enhance/stimulate an immune response to a bacterial species (e.g., *S. aureus*) using the following qualitative murine systemic neutropenic model. Mice (e.g., NIH Swiss female mice, approximately 7 weeks old) are first treated with a biologically protective effective amount, or immune enhancing/stimulating effective amount of a composition of the present invention using methods known in the art, such as those discussed above. See, e.g., Harlow et al., ANTIBODIES: A LABORATORY MANUAL, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988). An example of an appropriate starting dose is 20ug per animal.

Mice are then injected with 250 - 300 mg/kg cyclophosphamide intraperitoneally. Counting the day of C.P. injection as day one, the mice are left untreated for 5 days to begin recovery of PMNL'S.

The desired bacterial species used to challenge the mice, such as *S. aureus*, is grown as an overnight culture. The culture is diluted to a concentration of 5×10^8 cfu/ml, in an appropriate media, mixed well, serially diluted, and titered. The desired doses are further diluted 1:2 in 4% Brewer's yeast in media.

Mice are injected with the bacteria/brewer's yeast challenge intraperitoneally. The Brewer's yeast solution alone is used as a control. The mice are then monitored twice daily for the first week following challenge, and once a day for the next week to ascertain morbidity and mortality. Mice remaining at the end of the experiment are sacrificed. The method can be used to identify compositions and determine appropriate and effective doses for humans and other animals by comparing the effective doses of compositions of the present invention with compositions known in the art to be effective in both mice and humans. Doses for the effective treatment of humans and other animals, using compositions of the present invention, are

5 extrapolated using the data from the above experiments of mice. It is appreciated that further studies in humans and other animals may be needed to determine the most effective doses using methods of clinical practice known in the art.

10 5 The disclosure of all publications (including patents, patent applications, journal articles, laboratory manuals, books, or other documents) cited herein and the sequence listings are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.

15 The present invention is not to be limited in scope by the specific embodiments described herein, which are intended as single illustrations of individual aspects of the invention. Functionally equivalent methods and components are within the scope of the
10 invention, in addition to those shown and described herein and will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description and accompanying drawings. Such modifications are intended to fall within the scope of the appended claims.

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Claims

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What Is Claimed Is:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding any one of the amino acid sequences of the polypeptides shown in Table 1;
- (b) a nucleotide sequence complementary to any one of the nucleotide sequences in (a)
- (c) a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to any one of the nucleotide sequences shown in Table 1; and
- (d) a nucleotide sequence at least 95% identical to a nucleotide sequence complementary to any one of the nucleotide sequences shown in Table 1.

2. An isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 comprising a polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent hybridization conditions to a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence identical to a nucleotide sequence in (a) or (b) of claim 1.

3. An isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 comprising a polynucleotide which encodes an epitope-bearing portion of a polypeptide in (a) of claim 1.

4. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 3, wherein said epitope-bearing portion of a polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence listed in Table 4.

5. A method for making a recombinant vector comprising inserting an isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 into a vector.

6. A recombinant vector produced by the method of claim 5.

7. A host cell comprising the vector of claim 6.

8. A method of producing a polypeptide comprising:

- (a) growing the host cell of claim 7 such that the protein is expressed by the cell; and
- (b) recovering the expressed polypeptide.

9. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a complete amino acid sequences of Table 1;
- (b) a complete amino acid sequence of Table 1 except the N-terminal residue; and
- (c) a fragment of a polypeptide of Table 1 having biological activity; and

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(d) a fragment of a polypeptide of Table 1 which binds to an antibody specific for a *S. aureus* polypeptide.

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10. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to an amino acid sequence of Table 1.

11. An isolated epitope-bearing polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of Table 4.

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12. An isolated antibody specific for the polypeptide of claim 9.

13. A host cell which produces an antibody of claim 12.

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16. A vaccine, comprising:

(1) one or more *S. aureus* polypeptides selected from the group consisting of a polypeptide of claim 9; and

(2) a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, carrier, or excipient;

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wherein said polypeptide is present, in an amount effective to elicit protective antibodies in an animal to a member of the *Staphylococcus* genus.

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17. A method of preventing or attenuating an infection caused by a member of the *Staphylococcus* genus in an animal, comprising administering to said animal a polypeptide of claim 9, wherein said polypeptide is administered in an amount effective to prevent or attenuate said infection.

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18. A method of detecting *Staphylococcus* nucleic acids in a biological sample comprising:

(a) contacting the sample with one or more nucleic acids of claim 1, under conditions such that hybridization occurs; and

(b) detecting hybridization of said nucleic acids to the one or more *Staphylococcus* nucleic acid sequences present in the biological sample.

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19. A method of detecting *Staphylococcus* antibodies in a biological sample obtained from an animal, comprising

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(a) contacting the sample with a polypeptide of claim 9; and

(b) detecting antibody-antigen complexes.

20. A method of detecting a polypeptide of claim 9 comprising:

(a) obtaining a biological sample suspected of containing said polypeptide;

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(c) contacting said sample with antibody which specifically binds said polypeptide; and

(c) determining the presence or absence of said polypeptide in said biological sample.

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Val Asp Thr Phe Arg Ala Ser Gly Ala Gly Gly Gln His Ile Asn Lys
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275

280

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Lys Ile Val Leu Glu Gly Asn Asp Met Asp Ile Arg Thr Glu Ala Met
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Ile His Gly Val Pro Phe Val Tyr Trp Leu Leu Val Gly Ile Ser Met
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